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# New owners' budget hotel plan for old cinema site

By Jenna Pudelek

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A BUDGET hotel chain is in discussions with the new owners of the derelict cinema site in Tunbridge Wells.

Premier Inn said it has been interested in the town's top 'grot spot' for some time and saw it as an "absolutely ideal" location.

However, the proposal is likely to send a shudder down the spine of many who wanted to see the former ABC cinema transformed into a culture hub for the community.

The new developers revealed this week that they plan to transform the site into a hotel and shops.

The Mount Pleasant Road eyesore was sold in a £10million deal to a Luxembourg subsidiary of private equity firm The Carlyle Group, acting through a joint venture with the London-based developer Bellhouse Joseph.

However, as the site has stood empty for over a decade and has already been bought three times, there is a wary sense of déjà vu among residents.

David Jukes, deputy leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, said he was "cautiously pessimistic" about this latest development. The council is also pushing ahead with plans for a compulsory purchase order (CPO) on the site.

But Ed Bellhouse, a director of Bellhouse Joseph, said he was keen to get the bulldozers in as soon as possible to demolish the crumbling buildings and wanted to have planning consent within the next 12 months.

"We intend to redevelop it," he said. "I'm sure everyone in the town will be pleased about that. We have held fairly extensive discussions with planning officers and the council.

"A convenience store unit, shops and a hotel are planned at the moment. What will be on the site is retail and whether it will be a hotel or residential, we need to discuss with the council. It will be for town centre uses that complement the town centre."

Cllr Jukes, the council's portfolio holder for property and major developments, has recently come up with his

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### Morrisons chiefs in town

CHIEFS of supermarket giant Morrisons came to Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday for crunch talks with council chiefs and to once again meet with MP Greg Clark. The talks were described as "constructive" in a bid to solve the dilemma of the empty store which has stood empty since 2006. **PAGE 3**

**AWARD**

### Cadets scoop national prize

TUNBRIDGE Wells Sea Cadets are celebrating after being crowned top band in a major national competition. The cadets beat off stiff competition from across the nation to win the prestigious title during a hard-fought contest in Plymouth last weekend. Full details inside. **PAGE 15**

**ENVIRONMENT**

### MP enrages National Trust

CONSERVATIVE MP Greg Clark has found himself embroiled in an angry war of words with conservation groups the National Trust and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) after biting back at their criticism of the Coalition Government's planning reforms. **PAGE 5**

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own concept for the site, which would include a museum, art gallery and theatre, with a sculpture garden and water feature. His ideas were broadly welcomed by residents.

In response to the suggested civic uses, Mr Bellhouse said: "It is a commercial site. It is one of the main quality retail sites in the town and should be used for this purpose."

"The Town Hall sits opposite and all those things take place there. What the town needs is more modern retail, which is complimentary to the site so

that Mount Pleasant holds its position and improves."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Whitbread, the parent company of Premier Inn, said: "We have been looking at the site for some time and we were in discussions with the previous owners who went bust. It now has a new owner and we are in discussions with them. We would certainly like to acquire it. The site is absolutely ideal for us."

Premier Inn advertises heavily on TV, with comic Lenny Henry promoting its rooms from £29 a night.

The Carlyle Group is a global asset management firm that specialises in

private equity. It is based in Washington DC and chairman of its European arm is former Prime Minister John Major.

Cllr Jukes said: "The site has been sold three times and nothing has happened, so we are continuing with the process of a CPO so we can move if we have to."

His ambitious plans for the site sparked much debate, with many welcoming the idea of an iconic building on the town centre spot and a move away from more retail.

Mr Bellhouse said the new owners wanted to move forward "as fast as we can" and offered assurances, saying: "We have money, that is demonstrable,

that is not going to be the issue. We are looking to get ahead."

He added: "We had not realised [how important the cinema site is to the town]. We only became involved a few months ago and we do realise now."

"Our architects will come up with something that is physically very sympathetic to the town. We are looking to improve the town centre, buying and developing the site to produce something of quality. I have done a lot of this over the years and you have to understand the community."

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**TRANSPORT****Rail service cuts will be 'disastrous'****By Jenna Pudelek**

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CONCERNS have been raised about the affect on schoolchildren of proposals to cut rail services through a rural station in west Kent.

Described as a "dilapidated, but well-used" station, Bat & Ball is between Sevenoaks to the south and Oxted to the north with trains running up to London.

As part of its Rail Action Plan, Kent County Council has proposed to reduce the number of services via the station to just one an hour.

Campaigners say the move would be a blow to commuters and children travelling to schools in Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

The Sevenoaks Rail Travellers' Association (SRTA) and local councils are against the plans and have written to the Secretary of State for Transport, Philip Hammond, to oppose them.

Roger Johnson, chair of the SRTA, said: "The problem is that large numbers of people

**OFF TRACK:** Campaigners are upset at the train service cuts plan

in the Darent Valley, in places such as Shoreham, Kemsing and Oxted, use it to travel to Sevenoaks to connect to trains on the mainline, such as commuters travelling to London.

"There are also significant numbers of schoolchildren who come into Sevenoaks to go to schools in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and Paddock Wood. It is really quite disastrous for those people. Some of the schoolchildren travel for well over an hour as it is."

The SRTA believes people using the line will be "severely harmed" by KCC's proposal.

"These proposals would not only have a devastating impact on an already dilapidated but well-used station, and considerably lengthen journey times and the school day both for parents and pupils, but also effectively destroy the main public transport link between Sevenoaks and Swanley, the two biggest population centres in Sevenoaks District Council and the parliamentary constituency."

County Hall bosses want to divert trains from Sevenoaks, which they say will improve services from Maidstone East into the City.

A KCC spokesman said: "Sevenoaks is one of the best served towns by rail in Kent, with services to a range of West End and City terminals."

"By contrast the Maidstone East line suffers more than any other in the county from its limited London destinations, extensive journey times, and almost complete lack of a City service."

"While we understand concerns about changes, we have to take a county-wide view of

the needs of all Kent's rail passengers. Our proposal, if agreed by the Department for Transport, would see Sevenoaks and Bat & Ball served by an hourly service to Blackfriars and create an hourly, all-day service from the Maidstone East line to this City station."

"Sevenoaks would continue to enjoy a number of services to other destinations. We are also proposing that the present half-hourly service via Bat & Ball be restored when Maidstone East is served by the new Thameslink service to Blackfriars."

He added: "Of course, the exact format of the new franchise specification will depend on the Secretary of State for Transport and officials in that department, and any public authority or individual will have the opportunity to express their views as part of the DfT's consultation process, which will inform this new franchise and its service specification."

KCC's 15-point plan could influence the next rail franchise, which starts in 2014. The county's trains are currently operated by Southeastern.

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#### GROT SPOT

# Town leaders optimistic after meeting with Morrisons bosses

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PROPOSALS to bring the derelict Morrisons building back into use are set to be revealed by the end of next month.

The supermarket giant left people in Tunbridge Wells fuming after it emerged that it was refusing to hand over the lease on the store to upmarket rivals Waitrose.

Morrisons bosses came to town on Tuesday to meet with MP Greg Clark and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council leader Bob Atwood, as the latest episode in the long-running saga came to a head this week.

A timeframe has now been revealed with the supermarket chain promising to have a solid plan for the site, which it abandoned in 2006, by late September.

Mr Clark, who also met with Bradford-based Morrisons' chief executive Dalton Philips last Thursday, said: "The meeting gave me hope that the years of blight at the site will come to an end."

"Cllr Atwood and I were very

clear that the people of Tunbridge Wells have run out of patience with this grot spot.

"Morrisons recognised this and will now engage in intensive work during the next few weeks to make a full proposal to bring the site back into use quickly and to improve the car park.

"I look forward to this being published, and, in the meantime, Bob Atwood and I will keep the pressure on Morrisons to, at last, redeem their reputation in Tunbridge Wells."

Cllr Atwood said the meeting on Tuesday had been constructive: "I am happy to accept Morrisons' assurances that they will hold discussions on the possible future use of the site. Personally I will be delighted if our meeting sees the beginning of the end of the saga of the empty store."

Morrisons said last week that it was considering all options for the site, including reopening another of their own stores and Waitrose's offer.

Terry Hartwell, the company's property director, said: "We all have been listening to



the strong views of the people of Tunbridge Wells about this store. We had a constructive meeting and we pledged to work together to determine a future for this store."

"It has taken longer than we would have liked but we are committed to finding a

swift resolution that is also in the best interests of Tunbridge Wells. We expect to provide a further update by late September."

**CLOSED:** The now empty Morrisons supermarket

#### BUSINESS

## Stress and uncertainty as future remains unclear for Royal Day Spa

MYSTERY surrounds the future of the Royal Day Spa in Tunbridge Wells.

The Vale Road health club and spa went bankrupt in July, although business debt specialists were hopeful of finding a buyer.

This week, the company Stephen Cooper Matthews said it had passed the case onto Focus Insolvency Group – a step towards the business going into liquidation.

But, on Wednesday, a Focus worker said: "They are not going forward with the proposed liquidation."

The spa was run by Shelly Murphy.

Meanwhile, people who have booked treatments at the Vale Road club keep turning up for their appointments only to be disappointed.

Warren King, a photographer who lives in

London, travelled down with his partner.

He said: "I booked it as a treat because we had a baby a year ago. When I booked it this was the nearest available appointment."

"My girlfriend took the day off and we got child care and the train down, which cost £30."

"It was a voucher for £40 so it is not really the money, but we've just come all this way and it's closed."

He said he was told by the company next door that a hen party had recently turned up to find the spa closed after booking £900 worth of treatments.

The closure has left some 40 staff without jobs and internet sites, including goodspaguide.co.uk, have countless posts from angry customers looking for refunds on their bookings.

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#### NEWS IN BRIEF

##### → Armed robber jailed

AN armed robber from Tunbridge Wells has been jailed for nine years for a string of crimes across Kent and East Sussex.

William Hayton, 48, was convicted of four counts of robbery and possession of a firearm with intent. He was sentenced last week. However, he left empty-handed when he tried to rob the Speldhurst Post Office after an elderly man hit him over the head with a bag containing an iceberg lettuce and a bottle of bleach.

##### → Victory over clammers

A LONG-running dispute over the ownership of lay-by land in Coronation Parade, Tunbridge Wells, has finally been settled.

Clammers had been charging drivers up to £600 for their vehicles to be released. But motorists believed they had been parking legally because the lay-by had notices saying the land belonged to the council. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has now been told by the Adjudicator to the Land Registry that its claim to ownership of the land has been successful.

##### → Nuts draw a crowd

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# MP in row over planning reforms

**By Jenna Pudelek**

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TUNBRIDGE Wells MP Greg Clark has become embroiled in a row with environmental groups over the planning reforms he is leading in his ministerial role.

Mr Clark, the planning minister, criticised the National Trust and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) over their response to the Government's proposals, which aim to simplify the rules surrounding new developments.

Both groups believe the major overhaul to the current system, which would see planning policy slashed from 1,300 pages to just 52, will lead to excessive development that will threaten the countryside and green spaces.

An angry Mr Clark said the National Trust was "misleading" people and the CPRE had "objected to every change in planning policy for as long as I can remember".

Protect Kent, the county's branch of the CPRE, said his comments were "unprofessional" and the National Trust maintained its position that the reforms "put short-term financial gain ahead of everything else".

Mr Clark said: "I've been publicly pointing out that only a few groups have actually got the wrong end of the stick. The reforms have been broadly welcomed.

"The National Trust, for example, have had an initial reaction in which they were concerned about the greenbelt.

"They say the greenbelt might be at risk when we've actually strengthened it and made it much clearer than it has been before.

"It is clear as a bell that it is protected. I hope people will take an opportunity to look at the document."

Kent Green Party has also responded to the changes.

Spokesman Steve Dawe said: "If passed, these proposals will make it even harder to resist large-scale, unwanted planning proposals or to insist on quality building."

"Essentially, instead of having a planning system of laws and regulations fit for a modern, complex society, the Government would prefer we have planning guidelines with loopholes to



**DEFENSIVE:** Greg Clark insists his critics have misunderstood his planning proposals

allow any form of development no matter how damaging."

He said proposals which should be of concern relating to Kent include encouraging further regional airport expansion; supporting drilling for energy minerals, despite the impact of hydraulic 'fracking', which includes water pollution; a compulsory review of greenbelt; failure to adopt policies that would re-use derelict 'brownfield' sites instead of 'greenfield'; and no constraints on new supermarket proposals.

Mr Clark said: "I don't think they've read the document. None of the lists of their concerns are actually proposed by the national planning policy framework.

"I warmly welcome their response to the consultation, but they should read it first and then list specific concerns. I think they are comment-

ing on what they think is there."

In Tunbridge Wells, Mr Clark is known for his battle against 'garden-grabbing' by property developers and he seems puzzled that people think he does not want to preserve green space.

"Everyone locally knows I've long been a campaigner for green space within towns, villages and cities. One of the first things I did as minister was to remove the specification of gardens as brownfield land.

"These reforms are very much in the vein that I've been campaigning for all the time I've been in Parliament – to allow communities to have the kind of development they want rather than have it imposed from above."

A spokesman for Protect Kent said the organisation understood the need for growth and development. But he said the reforms were too focused on "growth at any cost".

He said: "We feel that Mr Clark's outburst was rather unprofessional and completely detached from reality. We do not simply object to everything. What we try to do is make sure all development is sustainable."

Asked if he thought he could mend the rift with the organisations, whose membership includes a lot of Conservative voters, Mr Clark said: "I think they got off on the wrong footing.

"I think they made a mistake as to what was involved and I hope in the weeks ahead they will go through the document in detail and make specific suggestions. So far they have not suggested any specific clauses they would like to see explored differently."

**NEWS IN BRIEF****► Festival fundraiser**

EMPLOYEES of insurance giant AXA PPP have raised more than £5,000 for a charity that supports people with brain injuries.

An outdoor music festival and fun-day for staff and their families and friends was held in aid of the Tunbridge Wells and District Headway, AXA's chosen charity for 2011.

Attractions also included a craft fair, archery, JCB skittles, bouncy castles, ice creams and face painting.

**► A wild way to learn**

A POND dipping day saw youngsters discovering a plethora of water creatures at Ightham Mote.

Children cast their nets into the North Lake as part of summer activities at the moated medieval manor house.

The event, last Friday, was part of the Wild Child activities being run at the National Trust property. A family fun picnic day was scheduled to take place this Friday, August 26, with games and races on the lawn.

**► Fire crews give water**

FIREFIGHTERS have held a water safety awareness day against the backdrop of the River Medway, at Tonbridge Castle.

Crew manager Mick Stern said: "We are pleased at how the day went."

Fire crews in Tonbridge are one of only four stations in the county to have a water safety unit, with a motor boat and inflatable raft. They deal with water, ice and mud rescues.

**CHARITY**

## Children need ultimate fundraisers

A TUNBRIDGE Wells-based charity has challenged people to take part in a fundraising contest.

The Ultimate Londoner event on September 18 promises to provide an "urban adventure" for anyone who has worked, lived or visited the capital.

Build Africa, which has its headquarters in Clarence Road, works in poor rural communities in Kenya and Uganda on education and other projects aimed at lifting people out of poverty.

The winners of the race, which will see teams travel across the city solving clues to find secret locations before returning to Regent's Park, will receive a safari holiday in Kenya that includes a visit to one of the charity's schools.

Money raised from the



**UPLIFTING:** The cash will help education in poor communities in rural Kenya and Uganda

contest will provide crucial resources for the primary schools and income-generating projects supported by Build Africa. It will go directly to east Africa including the areas

affected by the catastrophic drought.

Oliver Kemp, Build Africa's CEO, said: "The Ultimate Londoner is multi layered: it is local and physically connected to the identity of London and at the same time I am sure it will highlight the diversity of the city and link us to important issues of poverty and lack of education in Africa."

Teams can use all modes of transport to travel across central London, zones one and two, where the challenge takes place apart from a helicopter, including walking, riverboat, Boris bikes, the Tube, bus and cabs.

The cost to enter is £40 per person. For more information and to sign up visit [www.ultimate-londoner.co.uk](http://www.ultimate-londoner.co.uk). For more information about the charity visit [www.build-africa.org](http://www.build-africa.org).

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## EDUCATION

# Designs to be drawn up for new £18m academy building

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DESIGNERS are set to begin work on a new building for Knole Academy.

The academy in Sevenoaks has just had its feasibility study approved by the Government with work set to complete by early 2014.

Knole's £18 million new build project was thrown into doubt after the Coalition's spending review, but funding was secured last year.

Principal Mary Boyle said: "The governors and staff are delighted to be in a position to move forward on the building for Knole Academy following feasibility studies which began in March."

"As principal, I am very excited about the opportunities this will afford the students of Sevenoaks. We are pleased to be working with Kent County Council on this most important development for the

academy and the future of education in Sevenoaks."

The academy, which has 1,550 students, was created in September 2010 after a merger between Wildernesse and Bradbourne schools.

Bradbourne will be redeveloped and extended to create the new building.

Funding will be used for a mixture of new buildings, refurbishment and new ICT facilities and equipment. Developers Willmott Dixon will carry out the construction.

The former Wildernesse site will be used by the academy until work is completed by late 2013/early 2014. KCC said it has not yet decided how the site will be used once it is vacated.

A public consultation will be held on the designs before a planning application is submitted in late autumn.

Mike Whiting, KCC's deputy cabinet member for education, said: "This is a landmark

occasion for the academy, its students and communities. It marks the beginning of a journey that will see a fantastic academy for pupils in Sevenoaks and surrounding villages."

The funding will come from the Government's Partnership for Schools, which is the delivery agency for capital investment in all schools.

Knole Academy is one of Kent's 'batch 2' academies, which is the second group going through the redevelopment programme.

This will rebuild and refurbish several of the county's schools to improve their buildings and raise standards, KCC said.

The batch 2 academies are: Knole Academy; Skinners' Kent Academy; Dover Christ Church Academy; Wilmington Academy; John Wallis Academy; and St Augustine Academy (currently Astor of Hever school).

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One of Mike Laird's aims is to restart the tradition of building mudhif huts, pictured right



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**CHARITY**

# Former Castaway travels to Iraq to help Marsh Arabs

By Jenna Pudelek

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He was once castaway on a remote Scottish island with Ben Fogle in a pioneering BBC reality TV show – but now Mike Laird is attempting to reverse an environmental catastrophe in Iraq.

Inspired by the intrepid adventures of Sir Wildred Thesiger, the Tunbridge Wells businessman travelled to the marshlands of southern Iraq and was touched by the plight of the Madan people who live there.

Mr Laird, who by day works as a risk manager for a life insurance company, devotes his spare time to charitable projects in some of the world's poorest and most remote places, the latest of which involves the Marsh Arabs.

Their centuries-old way of life was virtually destroyed under Saddam Hussein's regime, when in retaliation for the 1991 Shia uprising, he ordered the wetlands drained and turned to desert.

During the crackdown by Iraqi government forces, villages were bombed as those who took part in the failed uprising had sought shelter in the remote marshes.

Work has begun to restore the wetland region, where the Tigris and Euphrates rivers split into ribbons and lakes before flowing into the Persian Gulf, and which has sustained human communities for five millennia.

Mr Laird, 42, who featured in the BBC's Castaway programme in 2000, is CEO of the charity MarocAroundTheClock and went out to marshlands in January with his friend and 'fixer' an Iraqi-born British doctor called Sam Balal.

"The Marsh Arabs suffered badly at the hands of Saddam Hussein," he said. "They are descendants of Babylon and Mesopotamia, it is a unique culture. But the ecology has been scuppered.

"When the rivers were dammed, the land



dried out and salinized so nothing can grow. It is apocalyptic – farms have turned to desert. It is desperately sad."

Mr Laird said he has wanted to visit the southern wetlands since meeting with Sir Wildred, a famous adventurer and writer who travelled extensively around Africa and lived with the Marsh Arabs between 1950 and 1958, before his death in 2003.

A report by the United Nations Environmental Programme found that about 90 per cent of the 20,000 square kilometres of marshlands were lost because of drainage and upstream damming in "one of the world's greatest environmental disasters".

The task to restore the marshland and reverse what the UN has described as a "catastrophic" impact on wildlife and biodiversity is huge.

Mr Laird has had to choose three projects to focus the resources of his small charity.

Until 1991, the Madan lived traditionally, growing rice and dates, raising water buffalo, fishing and building boats and houses from reeds.

The charity's projects will be centred on the town of Chabayish and Basra children's hospi-

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**DEDICATED:**  
Mike is pictured left during a previous charitable project in Morocco. Right is the inside of a mudhif

tal. Work will begin in October next year and the fundraising target is around £25,000.

"About 10 years ago it was quite a small place," he said. "Then people who had been displaced from other places identified it as a nice place, not pretty just sympathetic and safe."

"Taunted with death or prison, ethnic groups, particularly the Kurds, were targeted. They felt able to settle in Chabayish and the population exploded. But the infrastructure did not grow at the pace necessary to support all these people. Toilets, water, medical facilities and surfaced roads are needed."

As the displaced Madan return to the area when the marshes are re-flooded, there is also a drive to preserve their culture, bringing back traditional buildings, farming techniques, pottery, music and dance.

One of the charity's projects is to build a traditional mudhif – a building made from a reed called qassab.

"Mudhifs have great cultural significance," Mr Laird said. "They disappeared because a lot of the men went off to fight and did not come back. This loss of skill set means there is a limited group who know how to build them."

He hoped to bring these skills to a new generation of Marsh Arabs through building a mudhif in Chabayish. The building will be used as a community centre as they were traditionally where the village elder or sheikh would hold meetings and social gatherings.

The second project will be to build much-needed toilets and hand-washing blocks for two schools. Mr Laird hopes people from the UK will take part in these ventures through working holidays.

Finally, the most heart-wrenching of the charity's work will be at the children's hospital in Basra, which saw some of the heaviest fighting in the last Iraq war.

"It is just desperate," Mr Laird said. "It is hor-

rrible, there are children with terminal cancers, great big open sores and they live in unpleasant, cramped wards with no pain relief.

"We do not really yet understand what we are going to be able to do there. We will either work with a pharmaceutical firm to provide pain relief and cancer drugs, or so-called 'soft deliverables' like clean blankets and toys."

Mr Laird launched the charity in 2007 with two friends, David Burton and Gary Tong.

"We started out working in Morocco and people kept coming to us with projects, saying can you help us," he said. "So we took on a project in Senegal and this one in Iraq. I have built up friends and contacts in Iraq because it is an incredibly difficult country to get into."

"I've been to 78 countries, a lot of challenging countries, which would be considered the 'badlands' under a jaunted Western view."

"I've been to Pakistan and Afghanistan and I find Arab or Muslim communities totally endearing. I love being with the people, their culture and food. I find it all very engaging and interesting."

As part of the fundraising efforts, Mr Laird is planning to swim the Channel next July and last weekend he was heading off to the Isle of Wight for a practice open water swim.

He offered some advice for travelling to Iraq, saying: "Bullet proof vests and helmets put a barrier between you and the community. I try and fit in as much as possible, adopting their ways. I grow a beard."

"My safety is something the Iraqis worry about because of the opportunism of capture and ransom."

"They protect me as best they can and I do sensible things like not speak English loudly in the streets, but it does not mean that you can't sit at a roadside café in Basra having coffee."

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STUDENTS from a leading girls' boarding school in west Kent have donated money for a scholarship for two boys in Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries.

It comes after a group of 10 young women from Benenden School, near Cranbrook, travelled

to Emoyeni in the Mizimba district of the country in south east Africa to help build a community centre.

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**FOOD & DRINK****The music industry chief versus the celebrity chef**

By Chris Britcher

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CELEBRITY chef Richard Phillips faces a challenge to the licence for his award-winning restaurant in Tenterden in a row over excessive noise and music – from one of the most influential figures in the British music industry.

Grammy-winning John Craig, who received the OBE for his services to music and charity in 2009, wants Ashford Borough Council to review the licence for the Richard Phillips at Chapel Down eatery on the grounds of "prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder".

Mr Craig is chief responsible officer and governor of the Brit School – which has spawned such big names as Adele, Amy Winehouse, Leona Lewis and Katie Melua – as well as being the longest serving member on the British Phonographic Industry's (BPI) council and a member of the Prime Minister's steering committee on knife crime.

But he says a marquee in the grounds of the restaurant is causing him – and his neighbours – a headache.

He has even engaged the services of an "acoustic consultant" to prove sound levels are too high.

The restaurant is set in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and within the Chapel Down Winery estate. In 2010 it was named a winner of the OpenTable.com Diners' Choice awards, and is regularly short-listed as one of the top restaurants in the county.

Richard Phillips, who appears on TV shows such as Ready Steady Cook and Saturday Kitchen and owns Thackeray's in Tunbridge Wells, will now have to put up a defence when the council's licensing sub-committee meet on September 5 to discuss whether the licence should be changed – or even revoked.

The premises licence covers the sale and supply of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment, and the provision of late night refreshments.

All pubs and restaurants require a licence if they want to continue to offer the facilities.

The meeting next month will see discussion over a review based "upon the need to resolve ongoing

problems associated with excessive noise emitted from events held outside the restaurant in a marquee".

A ban has already been placed on music being played in the marquee after complaints.

The agenda for the meeting says: "The problems arose in the summer of 2010 and the noise has affected Mr Craig during the daytime and evening. The noise takes the form of amplified music and speech from events in the marquee, and from people attending and leaving the events."

A further ten local residents have supported the call.

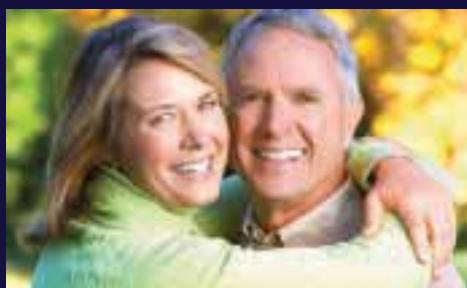
But the restaurant will also have power in its supporters – with letters in support of the restaurant coming from the CEO of Chapel Down, the vineyard on which the restaurant is based; the CEO of tourist agency Visit Kent and the CEO of Locate in Kent. They all point to the restaurant being an important attraction and employer.

Richard Phillips said this week: "I am disappointed by the decision to deny permission for amplified music to be played at the marquee on the site."

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"Recently a large investment has been made in noise reduction technology within the marquee which has reduced the noise levels considerably. However, it is conceded that some of the neighbouring properties had been exposed to noise nuisance during past events. Therefore we will not hold evening events at the marquee after the end of the 2011 wedding season.

"We wish to work with the local authorities to ensure that going forward Chapel Down remains a destination venue for the many people who visit the exceptional vineyard and my restaurant. We continue to source the majority of our supplies from local farms

and manufacturers and we want to strengthen our relationships in the surrounding community."

The restaurant has hired its own acoustic consultant which "raises questions" over the findings from that employed by Mr Craig.

Mr Phillips also runs a number of other restaurants in Kent – among them the Pearson's Arms in Whitstable and Thackeray's.

Mr Craig has spent 50 years in the music industry – 32 of which have been as co-owner of successful independent music label First Night Records which specialises in CDs of music from West End productions.

**DISPUTE:**  
Celebrity chef Richard Phillips' restaurant at Chapel Down faces threat to its licence from action brought by music mogul

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**VARIETY:**  
Metal-work animals and suits of armour will be among the items on display from Denys Bower's collection

**HISTORY**

# Castle unveils its Japanese past

By Jenna Pudelek  
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DISPLAYS of ancient Samurai sword arts and a demonstration of the traditional garden tea ceremony are among the events at a celebration of Japanese culture.

Japanese Day will take place at Chiddingstone Castle, which dates back to the early 1500s and houses a little known about, but impressive, collection of armour, swords and lacquerware from the Land of the Rising Sun.

The event on Bank Holiday Monday will also be a chance to view the pieces.

It is thanks to Denys Eyre Bower, who lived in the property between 1956 and 1977 and had a special interest in the country.

Chiddingstone curator Maria Esain told how Mr Bower, a former bank clerk turned antique dealer who was born in 1905, had a lifelong passion for Japan, but only visited once in the year he died.

"His father was a collector of Chinese ceramics, which is where he got his interest. He bought the items at auction."

"At the end of the 19th century, Japan opened up to the rest of the world after it was closed for two centuries. Europeans at this time were fascinated by how exotic and different it was from what they had. All these decorations, objects and figures and the suits of armour."

Mr Bower went on to develop a much-admired collection and his selection of Japanese lacquer is arguably one of the finest private collections in Western Europe.

But as Ms Esain explained, he started with no knowledge of his subject: "He was a bank employee and knew nothing about art or collecting. He did a lot of research, wrote to experts, got information about which were the best pieces."

"He made an extensive library of Japanese literature and art books."

Dating from the 6th century, the rare Haniwa, meaning 'circle of clay', figures, which were placed outside the tombs of warriors are the oldest pieces in the collection.



**DEDICATED:** Denys Bower with some items from his collection

Another important piece, the Beckford Casket, had belonged to the poet William Beckford, who was also a collector of Japanese lacquer.

"It is a beautiful piece of lacquer, featuring lots of hidden drawers, it is very intricate. It is considered to be one of the best pieces ever made for export," Ms Esain explained.

The armour mainly dates from the Edo period (1603-1868) and Ms Esain said it was very diverse. Many of the masks would have been made to represent the wearer warrior in some way. Secret pockets and compartments for medicine bottles and tobacco can also be seen.

Mr Bower loved Japanese swords and there are also some unusual metal-work animals, which were created by sword smiths and armourers during the Edo period, a time of relative peace after centuries of civic war and unrest.

Some of the blades date back as far as the 13th century. Visitors to Japanese Day will be able to watch demonstrations of the ancient sword arts of iai and tameshigiri. The author Chris Bradford will also be reading extracts from his Young Samurai fiction series.

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For those looking to take the plunge, the French Property Exhibition takes place at London's Olympia next month, with a host of experts on hand to help guide you through the process, as well as showcasing some of the bargains.

A spokesman for the show said they expected interest to be strong.

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estate agency profession is strictly regulated and all property sales are overseen by a government-employed 'notaire'.

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To find out more, the French Property Exhibition at Olympia, London, runs from September 23-25. Entry is free – register online for fast-track tickets or turn up on the day. It's a great opportunity to talk to people who know the French property market, plus there are free seminars covering everything you need to know.

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# Thousands ready to splash for cash at Dragon Boat Festival

**By Jenna Pudelek**

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SOME 1,500 paddlers will take to the water for a colourful and energetic weekend of Chinese Dragon Boat Racing at Bewl Water.

The exotic regatta and festival at the Lamberhurst reservoir is in its 14th year and will take place on September 17 and 18.

Organisers, the Funraisers, are hoping the event will raise around £200,000 for the 85 teams' charities of choice. This will bring the total fundraising pot over the years to £2 million.

Spokesman Pip Lightbody said: "Funraisers Dragon Boat Festival has grown into a massive 'splash for cash'."

"Thousands of people now come to soak up the atmosphere of 1,500 paddlers in costumes, 12 bands, 40 stalls and activities, Bloco Fogo samba drummers, Samurai stick fighting, fencing, Victorian funfair, a climbing wall, circus skills, obstacle course, bar and food village all by the largest lake in the south east."

Dragon boat racing at Bewl has become the largest event of its kind in Europe.

The teams, all wearing costumes, will battle it out to the rhythm of the drums over the weekend.

The ancient Chinese tradition of dragon boat racing goes back more than 2,000 years and is shrouded in myths, legends and superstitions.

Now, dragon boat races and festivals are held throughout the world as well as during the traditional Duanwu Festival or Duen Ng in China.

Mr Lightbody added: "The teams make a real effort raising much needed funds for their chosen charities.

"Some actually train for the event. Others are just relieved if they manage to stay afloat."

"More than 200 charities have already benefited from almost £2m that has been raised so far at the event by 10,000 paddlers. The festival is the opportunity for all the teams to have fun on the water and the crowds to have fun on dry land."

For more details and how to take part, see [www.funraisers.org.uk](http://www.funraisers.org.uk).



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SEA CADETS

# Cadets band marches off with national title

**By Chris Britcher**

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THE Royal Tunbridge Wells Sea Cadet Corps band has drummed up a top national award after beating off challengers from up and down the country.

Having won the southern heat, it travelled to Plymouth last weekend representing Kent, Sussex and parts of Dorset.

And despite stiff competition from bands as far afield as Fife and Tayside, it was crowned national band champions at the National Sea Cadet Corps Band Competition.

What's more, Ordinary Cadet L. Roberts was awarded the best drum major title on only the second occasion she has led the whole band on parade – the first being the Royal British Legion parade through Tunbridge Wells three weeks ago.

Spokesman for the cadets, Stephen Broemberger, said: "As part of the competition, each band is judged on music ability, precision of music whilst marching and drilling, the uniformity of the band as a whole and the overall quality of the display."

"After receiving trophies and medals from the president of the Sea Cadet Corps, Admiral Sir Peter Abbott GBE KCB, our band played for the mass band march-past where the Admiral took the salute before exiting the parade square as champions."

"Winning this competition was a huge achievement for our unit as the band had very little time to train due to our involvement with our recent trip to the Menin Gate and our performance at the Royal British Legion parade."

The competition is held every two years.

Victory came just weeks after an emotional visit to the Menin Gate memorial on the World War One killing fields of Ypres in Belgium.

The trip at the end of July saw the cadets and staff take part in the Last Post ceremony – a daily ritual held to remember the British and

Commonwealth soldiers who gave up their lives during the conflict.

■ Anyone interested in joining the unit or supporting it, can contact it on 01892 522559 between 7pm-9.15pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, or via email at admin@tsbrilliant.org.uk.



**VICTORY:**  
The Royal Tunbridge Wells Sea Cadet Corps overcame stiff competition and little practice time to claim the national crown

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## OPINION

# Cutting the police is wrong

Former Labour Home Office minister and chief whip in the Lords, Lord Bassam, discusses the controversial impact of police cuts

THE Government is forging ahead with drastic police cuts in the wake of the recent riots. But does it know what it's doing and what will the impact be in Kent?

When I was a Home Office Minister under Jack Straw we had a political agenda every bit as challenging as the current Government's.

We were trying to raise policing standards, improve performance, reduce the burdens of form filling, tackle institutional racism and ensure the force better reflected the social mix of the nation.

But one main challenge stood out – declining police numbers.

I recall doing ministerial visits to police stations and asking what the problem was, we would be casting around for ideas to stop the exodus of officers.

The biggest issue was with morale and a feeling within the service that it was undervalued.

Our task was to reverse that, and grow the force. So we ring-fenced a budget to be spent on increasing officer numbers, this included increased pay and offered various other perks.

By early 2001, the strategy was working.

Training colleges started to fill up, the service felt more confident and began to reflect the world we live in – it was multi-cultural, diverse and with proportionate number of women. Eleven years on, all that good work is being hastily undone.

Governments get some things right and some things wrong. Cutting police numbers is wrong.

The much-lauded former

US police chief Bill Bratton got one thing absolutely right. He realised that a critical mass of officers increased public confidence because they were visible and busy.

That was exactly the key to tackling the public disorder recently: a presence on the streets – active, visible and determined.

Kent will lose about 500 officers (roughly one in seven) over the next four years. Up to 1,000 support staff – the people who do the data matching, the forensics, the research, the time consuming paperwork and help put front line police on the streets – will be disappearing too.

Kent's Chief Constable has pointed out that the cuts will set the local force back years, and that there is clear potential for an increase in crime.

Already we have seen



police numbers decline and front line services such as staffed and accessible police stations close across the country: as the cuts bite this will only get worse.

Next year, the Government intends spending £150m on electing police crime commissioners. This risks the sort of political gimmickry and interference we've seen around the riots, rather than ensuring officers are being provided with the resources to get on with the job.

Even Kent's Tory political leaders strongly oppose the plan.

We need a real commitment from Government to tried and tested policing that works, and that means maintaining numbers. And we need politicians to let the police get on with what they do best – serving the public.

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## KOS COMMENT

Will hotel shatter the ambitious dreams?

THE cinema site in Tunbridge Wells has provided plenty of discussion over the years. All 11 of them, in fact, since it last opened its doors in 2000. There have been some exciting, ambitious projects proposed for the site, harnessing its key role in the town's centre. Yet it would appear the reward for our patience may be nothing more than a budget hotel and more shops. Quite how council chiefs respond to the suggestion will prove fascinating.

**Shopping for resolve in long-running saga**

GREG Clark may be getting a little sick of Morrisons right now. Last week the Tunbridge Wells MP travelled up north to visit them in their Bradford headquarters. This week they repaid the favour and headed to the Town Hall for more talks in a bid to resolve the issue of the long abandoned store next to the railway station. They promise something by September. But then we've heard that about the cinema too. Will these sagas ever be resolved?

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**Nothing has changed yet**

Having read your web story on the sale of the cinema site in Tunbridge Wells I must admit I let out a cheer. But it quickly became apparent we may simply still be in the position we have found ourselves in for many years – the site has been sold, but nothing is happening to it.

Obviously, I hope I am mistaken and that something will go ahead, but am I alone in fearing the worst?

**H Jones, Tunbridge Wells**

**It's time to fix the grot spot**

Let us not consider this a new dawn for the grot spot cinema site. We have been here before now on many occasions and 11 years after it sold its last tub of popcorn, the cinema remains empty, a blot on Tunbridge Wells' proud landscape.

I keep my fingers crossed but I fear this will just elongate the agony. The council should move on the site and deliver

some of the exciting things some of its members have planned for it. It is an essential part of the jigsaw which is our town's future.

**Joe Spears, Southborough**

**Adults need care cash too**

Any of us, at any time in our lives, might need social care, and the recent Dilnot report on the funding for adult social care brought home an uncomfortable truth; chronic under-funding has left us with a system too broken to support people properly.

Andrew Dilnot is right to say that additional public funding is urgently required.

I am concerned that the media focus is only on older people as this obscures some critical aspects. I believe the report clearly shows that not only can the Government afford to support disabled people of all ages, but crucially as a society we can't afford not to.

It is now up to the Government to fund adult social care so that it gives quality of life to disabled people of all ages. For deafblind people good

social care means communication and mobility support to do things like getting to the doctor or shop; reading post; travelling to work; visiting family or friends, not just support with personal care.

**Annette Callow, Paddock Wood**

**Academies are doomed**

The new Knole Academy in Sevenoaks has now been operating for a full year.

I am still not sure there is general agreement that the academy system is a good idea from a moral and ethical point of view. As commercial companies are allowed to sponsor academies, a commercial sponsor could dictate, to some extent, the moral and ethical content of what is taught in one of these schools. What would happen, for example, if one of these commercial sponsors turned out to be a publisher of dubious magazines?

So far as Sevenoaks is concerned, there is also the issue that the mixed-sex Knole Academy replaced the two existing single-sex schools. This was pushed through in a very

presumptuous way in the face of widespread public disagreement. In the light of my own experience, I am unconvinced of the wisdom of introducing mixed-sex education where it did not previously exist.

Hence my belief that Knole Academy is a totally unnecessary exercise in attempted social engineering that is doomed to failure.

**John Humphrey, Sevenoaks**

**Shocked by animal cruelty**

I was very sad and shocked to read the item about the mistreated pigs secretly filmed by Animal Aid at the Cheale Meats slaughterhouse.

The brief story speaks of animals being punched in the face, having cigarettes stubbed out on their faces and talks about seriously injured pigs that are forced to drag themselves to slaughter – with workers dragging and kicking them along by their ears. Surely there must be a way to stop such cruelty?

I was amazed that Defra declined to intervene, and is this not of interest to the RSPCA?

I can't imagine that workers should have a right to behave in this way.

**Maria Fraunrath, Sevenoaks**

**A menace to our society**

A gang scours its territory, looking for vulnerable targets to attack. It is heedless of, even rejoices in, the terror of its victims-to-be, careless of the rights and feelings of those whose property it invades and whose lives it disturbs.

Members feel untouchable. They think the law should and almost certainly will not impede their selfish and brutal urges, for experience has taught them they nearly always escape justice.

Their numbers and demeanour deter challenge from most normal, decent citizens, for they are likely to abuse and assault any who stand in their way. Even the police are wary of them and hold back.

Mob members communicate to ensure their forces attack the chosen target in strength. It is ripped open, left in ruins and trophies are carried away amid gleeful cries of triumph

and the initiation of their youngsters. They offer the most spurious and mendacious explanations for their gratuitous, heartless and antisocial viciousness. Some in the media swallow these self-serving lies unquestioningly.

For myself and fellow monitors, this has, for many years, been our experience of those 'gangs' of bloodsports fanatics called hunts.

Our Prime Minister has been a member of such a gang and remains a sterling backer of his local 'homies', the Heythrop Foxhounds, a mob [his friend Rebekah Brooks is also a follower] with a proud record of violence and intimidation against monitors almost second to none. He has long promised to repeal the inconvenient Hunting Act for the 'Heythrop Massive' and the rest of his hunting 'bloods' – even though it is so full of loopholes and so rarely enforced that many of them ignore it with an impunity to which he turns a blind eye.

He, of course, has also delighted in shooting helpless birds and deer for 'sport' and would doubtless love to be able to join his fellow hyper-privileged hooligans in paying thousands to be allowed to blast grouse to bits on the 'Glorious Twelfth', as Tory PMs always used to do.

There is indeed a 'sickness' in parts of our society, Mr Cameron – but it is far from restricted to our sink estates.

I find it very hard to accept lectures on civilised behaviour and the protection of the vulnerable from a creature who endorses and indulges in persecution and slaughter of defenceless animals for fun.

This is just one of many reasons to doubt David Cameron's capability, suitability, and moral fitness to lead, unite and heal our fracturing nation. He is bereft of any real understanding of how much of society has to live. It is a task to which he has already proved spectacularly unsuited so that many sectors have become antagonised or alienated. The morale and stability of our society is being seriously undermined, and eruptions of nihilistic or despairing anarchic lawlessness seem likely to become commonplace.

The Conservative Party should replace him with somebody who is not merely a self-important, overgrown public school bully.

**Alan Kirby, by email**

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## Hit by a pensions double whammy

**Q**I shall be 65 in September 2014, and I am trying to do some financial planning. I have worked since I was 16 years old so I have already paid about 46 years of national insurance contributions. I believe this is more than enough to qualify for the state pension, so can I stop paying? I also pay into the state second pension scheme. Should I carry on doing this? Finally, I understand the state pension is going to rise to £155 a week in 2015. Is this just the basic pension, or will this include my state second pension?

**A**I am afraid you have been hit with a double-whammy! Yes, you have already paid enough in national insurance to qualify for the full state pension. All your contributions from now on are just money down the drain, but you are not allowed to stop pouring your money away. If you are under 65, working and earning more than the fairly low national insurance starting point, then by law you must pay national insurance contributions. The closest you can come to sidestepping this would be to go self-employed, if that is possible. But this would only reduce the amount you pay, rather than wipe it out completely. Now for the second disappointment. Plans are still being finalised, but it does seem the government is going to increase the basic state pension from April 2015. The figure being talked about is £140 a week at current prices, but inflation is likely to drive this up to about £155 by the time we get to 2015. However, this is reserved for people who actually reach retirement age after the new rules are introduced. You were born several months too soon. You will already be 65 in 2015, so you will get none of the benefits of the new scheme. If your pension, including the extra you paid for the state second pension, comes to, say, £135 a week, then that is it, unless you qualify for any means-tested benefits. Others will get an extra £20 a week. You won't. And just to rub it in, the length of time people need to pay national insurance contributions to earn a pension has been cut to 30 years – so folk who have paid far less than you will receive far more than you. Should you carry on paying the extra contributions? Yes, as there is not much point in stopping now, and they will give you a better return than any private pension plan.

**Q**I have £2,000 in savings that I am going to take out of my bank and put into National Savings certificates, because I feel they are safer than the banks. Should I opt for five-year certificates or index-linked? Which offers the best value?

**TONY HETHERINGTON**  
MONEY CLINIC



Barring unforeseen emergencies, I shall not need to withdraw any of the money.

**A**Index-linked certificates get my vote. They should emerge streets ahead of the fixed-rate five-year certificates. If you hold them to maturity, the fixed rate certificates offer 2.25pc annual interest. Index-linked certificates pay the rate of inflation plus 0.5pc on top. Nobody can predict inflation as far ahead as five years, but as things stand, you will get 5.5pc – since inflation is currently 5pc. It could fall, and interest rates could rise, but both shifts would have to be fairly dramatic for me to change my verdict. The blunt fact is that there is no other savings product on the market that offers inflation proofing, plus a modest real return, plus tax-free status, plus a government guarantee of safety. And I cannot see any rivals emerging in the near future.

**Q**I retired last year. Now my former employer has asked me to do some book-keeping on a casual basis. Would this affect either my state pension or my occupation pension?

**A**No. At one time, your state pension could be stopped if you resumed work, but this rule was scrapped years ago. Now, you can earn any amount without hurting either of your pensions. Watch out for income tax, though. Depending on the size of your total income, earnings could even move you into a higher tax bracket.

**Q**We have a mortgage from a building society that has been facing difficulties. If it is taken over by another society, can the new owners change our mortgage from the current fixed rate?

**A**Anyone taking over your current lender would have to honour your existing mortgage terms.

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## Tax campaign puts focus on plumbers

**By Adam Aiken**

MyMoney 24 editor

TAX experts are warning that the arrest of five plumbers should be seen as a warning that HM Revenue & Customs is serious about cracking down on people who moonlight or fail to declare their earnings.

Earlier this year, the taxman said it would be focusing on plumbers in its latest disclosure campaign. Previous campaigns had been targeted at doctors, dentists and restaurant owners.

Under the terms of these disclosure schemes, people who come forward and declare unpaid tax can pay a reduced fine – but those who fail to take advantage of the opportunity to pay their dues face being targeted by HMRC.

In the latest case, HMRC wrote to 50,000 people in the plumbing industry, warning them to pay any tax they owed or face big fines. Those who came forward before the May deadline were fined no more than 20pc of the money they owed.

But the taxman is now looking to catch those who did not cough up when they had the chance, and HMRC has mounted a series of raids against plumbers it suspects of owing tax.

Five people have been arrested – in London, Hampshire, Surrey, Middlesex and the West Midlands – and further raids are expected in Kent, Cambridgeshire, Yorkshire, Tyne and Wear, the Midlands and Wales. It is thought that some investigations involve unpaid tax bills of up to £150,000.

Gary Ashford, of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, said: "People should not underestimate the



**SPOTLIGHT:** HMRC is cracking down on tax-dodging plumbers

amount of data that HMRC is holding. What we are now seeing is HMRC starting to use that information. The net is tightening on those who break the law."

Graham Sillett, a tax partner at chartered accountants Lovewell Blake, said: "In the last couple of years, HMRC has adopted a system of offering limited tax amnesties to certain groups – doctors and dentists, plumbers, those with offshore bank accounts – as a way of collecting more tax."

"HMRC is now indicating it will prosecute those who have had an

opportunity to disclose but have not come forward. It would normally build up a picture of an individual through information from informants, advertisements and other sources, and then instigate a tax inquiry before starting a prosecution.

"In extreme cases, it resorts to a raid on premises to obtain further information."

"Anyone who has not already made a disclosure should seek advice from a qualified tax specialist because even now – outside the amnesty period – the penalties will be less by making a voluntary disclosure."

## Select few dominate mortgage lending

SIX lenders dominated the 2010 mortgage scene in terms of gross lending, with more than 80pc of all home-loan advances concentrated in the hands of these few providers.

According to a league table published by industry group the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), Lloyds Banking Group – which includes the Halifax and Cheltenham & Gloucester brands as well as Lloyds TSB – was responsible for an estimated £30bn in new lending last year, or 22pc of total mortgage advances.

Santander lent an estimated £24.2bn during 2010, while Barclays, Royal Bank of Scotland, Nationwide Building Society and HSBC also

made significant loan advances.

Those six lenders collectively advanced £111bn during the year, down from £119bn in 2009.

However, the CML said mid-sized lenders increased both their lending levels and their market share, and in terms of gross lending there were five newcomers to the top 30.

The mid-sized lenders, which ranked from numbers seven to 15 in the table, included names such as ING Direct, Yorkshire Building Society, Co-operative Bank and Northern Rock.

These nine lenders advanced an estimated £19.6bn last year, up from £10bn in 2009. It meant their collective share of new lending rose

from 7pc to 14pc. The CML said this "pointed to the capacity and appetite of the mid-sized lenders to continue to bring diversity to a market that has become highly concentrated among a small number of large providers in the wake of the financial crisis".

The other 15 players in the CML's top 30 accounted for 2.5pc of gross lending, with the remaining 2pc advanced by lenders outside the top 30.

Saffron Building Society, Cambridge Building Society, Market Harborough Building Society, UBS and Aldermore Mortgages were the five lenders who cracked the top 30 for the first time.

## INSIDE THIS WEEK

THIS week we feature the opportunities for companies to do business outside the UK borders, with the county chamber of commerce leading the way in calling for a greater drive towards exports.

With the national economy moving at a sluggish pace, Kent is ideally situated to enable local firms to take full advantage of selling goods and services to our EU neighbours and beyond.

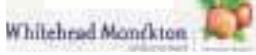
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## Chamber calls for export push to lift county economy

By Nick Ames

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KENT companies are ideally placed to play a leading role in boosting the UK economy, according to the county's chamber of commerce.

Close links with the Continent mean the export of goods can bring money back into the UK at a time when domestic markets are slow, say experts who are urging the county's business-leaders to grasp the opportunity.

The call to local businesses comes as a new measure of the UK's exporting health, the DHL/BCC Trade Confidence Index, reveals that exporters are showing signs of strength.

However, analysts add that difficult global economic conditions are creating challenges that affect exporters' investment decisions and their desire to take on staff.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "Many Kent businesses are already taking advantage of our favourable position and existing overseas links to build their export potential.

"There is little doubt that exporting will play an increasing role in building our economy.

especially as the domestic market is likely to remain sluggish in the short term.

"There is a huge potential market for all manner of products and services, on our doorstep in Europe and worldwide, and many businesses in Kent have the facility to exploit that market. I urge all business to at least consider how they might be able to do so.

"Exporting, especially for those new to the process, can appear daunting, but problems arising can be easily overcome with advice and guidance. Kent Invicta Chamber has a wide network of contacts and facilities to help companies already exporting and those looking to start."

The index – which draws on a survey of more than a thousand exporters and an analysis of export documentation, required of all UK companies exporting goods outside the EU – suggests that orders and confidence among exporters remain robust.

David Frost, director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said: "There is a disconnect between the strong performance of exporting firms and their lack of confidence when it comes to investing and creating jobs.

"An uncertain economic outlook, with con-



### FAR HORIZONS:

Jo James is calling on businesses to develop their export potential, so helping them to move forward

cerns surrounding Eurozone debt and a fragile UK recovery, means many businesses are holding back on investment decisions – despite seeing strong export sales and orders in recent months.

"Cashflow is still a real problem for exporters, particularly smaller firms, and the results show that there are regions of the UK that lag behind when it comes to exporting outside the EU.

"The UK's economic recovery relies on exporting and investment. Government must help British business to have the confidence to export and invest – and ensure that support schemes designed to help new and growing exporters are easy to access and easy to understand."

### ENTREPRENEURS

#### Enterprise clubs to assist new firms

THE newly-branded Kent Channel Chamber of Commerce, which represents businesses in Shepway, Dover and Thanet, is launching an initiative in September to help more people become entrepreneurs.

The chamber has joined forces with Job Centre Plus and a host of partners to offer two of the county's first Enterprise Clubs, in Dover and Folkestone.

Meetings are free to attend and will provide an informal networking and support facility for anyone thinking about setting up their own business.

One of the club's main roles will be to signpost would-be entrepreneurs to the appropriate support available, including the New Enterprise Allowance.

Under this scheme, unemployed people qualify for six months' financial support, mentoring and a possible start-up loan of up to £1,000.

Peter Hobbs, Kent Channel Chamber's chief executive, said: "Our clubs will be an opportunity to develop ideas and progress business plans."

### EDUCATION



#### University and industry work in partnership

INTERNATIONAL project development and construction group Skanska has teamed up with the University of Kent to support its new Employability Points Scheme.

The course, which has run since September 2010, has welcomed more than 1,000 students and involved 30 businesses.

Four students were given the chance to go on guided tours of three landmark London projects managed by Skanska.

These were St Bartholomew's Hospital; the 46-storey Heron Tower, the city's tallest skyscraper; and the

neighbouring 'Gherkin' skyscraper.

The undergraduates – law student Matthew Burgess, third-year architecture students Nick Howe and Lee Jesson and Alex Murray, a student of politics, all pictured above – then met company executives to discuss topics ranging from project history to career advice.

The scheme is designed to improve students' employability chances by training them in interview skills and awarding them the opportunity to involve themselves in internships, volunteering and international study.

### LEISURE

#### New jobs created by pub reopening

A £650,000 investment by restaurant and pub company Mitchells & Butler has created 35 new jobs for the Sevenoaks area as The Rose and Crown at Dunton Green reopens.

Employment opportunities include a head chef, sous chef, bar and waiting staff and individuals trained in specialised table service.

A new dining area, which the company says is ideal for special occasions or business meetings, is a recent addition to the newly-refurbished pub.

New landlord Jason Moran said: "We offer a premium eating-out experience in a traditional pub environment."

A pub since the early 1800s, its owners say they were keen to maintain a tasteful restoration while updating the building with a contemporary flair.

Luke Brookes, regional business manager for Vintage Inns, added: "This is a serious commitment by Mitchells & Butler, and our renovations will put the pub back on the dining map."

**Business Week**For more business news go to **businessforkent.co.uk****ROADS****Safety seminar to cut insurance**

COMPANY directors and fleet managers are invited to attend a free seminar on how to reduce insurance costs and implement safer driving practices.

Business drivers have collision rates up to 40 per cent higher than those of private drivers, and employers are encouraged to act now to ensure their company isn't the next one affected by the devastating personal and financial consequences of a crash.

Katherine Barrett, communications officer for the Safety Camera Partnership, said: "This is an excellent opportunity for businesses to find out more about their duty of care to employees."

The seminar will include presentations from road-safety experts and police covering topics such as the Corporate Manslaughter Act, driver behaviour and managing occupational road risk.

The seminar will take place on Wednesday, October 12, at Maidstone Police College. Places are limited, so businesses are encouraged to book now. To register, employers are asked to email katherine.barrett@kent.gov.uk or phone 07919 212075.

There are two opportunities to catch the seminar: from 10am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 4.30pm.

**TRAINING****Awarded for good work experience**

CAXTONS chartered surveyors, an independent property practice based in Gravesend but with offices in Gillingham and Canterbury, has received an Outstanding Employer Contribution Award for its work-experience programme.

The business looks to involve placement students in all aspects of its work and offers documentation to help them find full-time work.

The Education Business Partnership has presented the award to the company in recognition of its achievement in this field over the past year.

The business manages some 8,000 commercial and residential properties throughout London and the South East as well as student accommodation in the university towns of Canterbury, Chatham and Greenwich.

The focus offered by the business is on providing the student with a broad insight into the inner workings of how it is run.

Caxtons is currently looking for students to take work experience for October and has already booked two for placements in March and July of next year.

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**We live in difficult days, but don't cut the marketing, says one man****The BIG Interview**

It's never been more important to put your business out there. Daniel Kennedy of Pebble Shores is keen to help you do just that...



DANIEL Kennedy and his creative marketing company Pebble Shores have been part of the Folkestone commercial and cultural renaissance for the last couple of years.

With both local and international clients, the business is run from premises along The Old High Street in the heart of the town's Creative Quarter.

Now Kennedy is working alongside bodies such as the chamber of commerce and Shepway council to bring more like-minded companies into the area as part of a 'business mentoring' project.

"Businesses may start up on gut instinct," said Kennedy. "But there is obviously much more to it if they are to be successful."

"People may have a dream when they start up, but that is not enough to keep the company going. There are so many practical things to take into account – for example, tax."

"Businesses who already understand how some of these important things work should be able to help new companies grow by giving good advice, so bringing more entrepreneurs into Kent and boosting the local economy."

"That is what I am talking to the chamber and the council about."

"Also I am helping to look at what makes people want to come to this area. What are its advantages and what can businesses gain from locating here?"

"There are factors such as tourism and the economy to look at. The aim in the end is simple: to bring more businesses to Kent."

After working in marketing and a variety of other jobs, including as a

chef and wine importer and at Saga, Kennedy established Pebble Shores two years ago. The firm offers marketing and branding for companies of all sizes; it has a main office in Folkestone with a design team in London.

"I am passionate about Folkestone, which is my home town. I was born here but actually grew up on Romney Marsh, which is obviously not far away," he said.

"So this is where I wanted to establish myself. The town has a lot going for it – I love being by the sea – and then there is the Creative Foundation."

"I have enjoyed working with them – they are a real help to businesses. There are also advantages when it comes to things such as the rates."

"Also there are not too many agencies such as mine in east Kent. They are mainly in London, or to the west of the county in Tonbridge and Maidstone."

Among local clients with which Pebble Shores has been working are travel company Buzzlines and the Rocksalt restaurant, which opened this summer in Folkestone and has already attracted rave reviews from foodies.

"Pebble Shores offers companies its expertise in all manner of marketing, right down to business cards," said Kennedy.

"My field is more in the strategic and planning fields, but where necessary I pull in resources for such things as media, design and printing."

"I like to use local people wherever possible. It helps them to get work, for a start, and I always prefer doing business face-to-face rather by phone or email."

A contract with Hilton Hotels led to

one of the company's more far-flung ventures.

Kennedy said: "We had been doing quite a bit with the food and beverage division of the Hilton group, which obviously has hotels all across the world."

"We were invited to pitch for a new hotel in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. We were up against a number of significant agencies but managed to get the contract and we are now looking at similar ones in Europe."

The downturn in the economy is one problem the company has had to weather.

"In hard times there are two things which companies look to when making cuts in their budgets, in my view," said Kennedy.

"One is marketing and the other is staff, but companies still recognise the need to promote themselves. If they do not have the in-house ability and knowledge to do so, that is when a business such as mine can be parachuted in."

"Some businesses will look at the outlay necessary for marketing but will not look at the potential returns exposure can bring. The long-term benefits are something we are able to offer."

The growth in social media and its importance to business is another Pebble Shores area of expertise.

"It has an incredible part to play and it's great because it is so accessible. It is an area that is expanding all the time," said Kennedy.

"But at the same time there is still room in the company marketing budget for a brochure – something tangible that you can hold in your hands."

**Port nominated for green-effort award**

THE Port of Dover has been short-listed for the Eco Port 2010-11 Award of Excellence.

Since its foundation in 1977, The Institute of Transport Management, which makes the awards, has monitored services and policies relating to all areas of the transport industry.

Stephen O'Farrell, award liaison officer, said: "One of our core activities is to

recognise excellence in the industry. Dover is clearly leading the way and worthy of this nomination."

The port was awarded The Carbon Trust Standard last year for reducing its carbon emissions by 13.2 per cent and is aiming to reduce this by a further 7 per cent this year.

The port received the Maritime and Coastal Agency's approval in

September for satisfactory disposal of shipping waste.

Port landfill waste was down 18 per cent and in June an oil-spill exercise was completed to test emergency responses.

Using the latest lamp technology to reduce light pollution also means energy costs have been lowered.

The port's management has been working on a five-year process which aims to

reduce energy consumption throughout all areas.

This ranges from encouraging employees to change their daily habits, such as turning off computer screens to finding ways of generating heat and electricity using cooking oil.

Bob Goldfield, chief executive, said: "We are delighted to be short-listed for such a prestigious nomination."

## Continued success allows environment company to expand

SITTINGBOURNE-based Ecologia Environmental, the expert in pioneering land remediation techniques, has just opened a new office in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, the company's fourth office in the UK.

Ecologia has based its headquarters at Kent Science Park since it was founded in 2000 and has established the Yorkshire office as part of its strategy to improve geographical coverage and provide a more efficient service to its existing clients in the region.

The new base will be managed by Leigh Anne Cammack, who has spent several years working as a senior project manager for Ecologia at its KSP headquarters. The company has also employed a new project manager, Michelle Gwynne, at its Stafford office.

However, the company is emphasising that this new area of operations will not detract from the commitment to working in Kent and adds that it is a good opportunity for existing staff to take on new responsibilities and duties.

Managing director Giacomo Maini said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be opening up this new office, which will allow us to offer a significantly improved service to our clients in the north."

"Of course, this doesn't mean our focus is shifting away from Kent – in fact we have just won two major contracts performing a comprehensive geo-environmental site investigation for potential large developments in the county, which we're all extremely excited about."

# Firm recognised for 'exceptional support' in training young people

**By Nick Ames**

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WEB management firm GForces has received an 'outstanding employer contribution' award from the Education Business Partnership (EBP) in Kent for the second year running.

The EBP praised the company for its "exceptional support in assisting the young people of Kent through work experience in the academic year 2010-2011".

GForces, based in Bearsted, set up its training academy with the aim of preparing the county's young people for future roles in the UK's digital economy.

In 2011 it has given work placements to 20 students as well as taking on two interns. The company works closely with local schools and academies as well as Kent Works, an umbrella organisation that encompasses a number of schools in the county and offers pupils work-experience placements.

Anne McNulty, executive director of the Kent EBP, said: "GForces has been very generous in hosting



**SUPPORT:**  
GForces has been given an award for 'outstanding employer contribution' to young people

students from around Kent who are interested in IT and considering the sector for their future careers. To have a company share its time and expertise like this is great for the community – they are a leading example among local employers."

Representatives from GForces are also in regular contact with local universities such as the University of Kent and Christ Church University to explore a range of additional placement opportuni-

ties while at the same time advising course organisers on how to make their curricula more relevant to the industry.

GForces managing director Giles Smith said: "Investment in Kent's young people is a responsibility we take seriously and we are delighted that our on-site training programme has again been acknowledged so positively.

"Our placement students leave great feedback about the training

we give, helping us provide a practical and engaging way of developing their skills."

A recent work placement student said: "I came up with PPC keywords, created my own PPC advert, wrote a blog and learnt the importance of SEO and conducted a report on Google. I have enjoyed all of the two weeks and I would never have thought of anything to do with how the internet works until I arrived at GForces."

As a result of ongoing expansion to its offices, GForces now has room to accommodate extra work-placement and work-experience students from schools, colleges and universities.

Smith said: "With such an uncertain job market, we are thrilled to be in a position to create a substantial number of new opportunities for young people.

"The skills these students acquire will undoubtedly be of great value to them and their future employers. We will continue to support the local economy and provide much-needed opportunities to the young people of Kent."

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## Students power through holidays

THIRTEEN undergraduates have completed paid summer work with UK Power Networks to gain an insight into a career in power engineering.

The students from a range of degree courses have been working with the electricity network operator during the holidays to gain experience before returning next term.

Among them is 24-year-old Ross Thompson from Gravesend.

He said: "The summer placements have been so useful. It has been really technical this year and it's good to see what we have learned at university being put into practice."

"UK Power Networks is a local business and I'm looking forward to joining the company's graduate programme."

Next year the firm will be launching a new extended work placement and internship programme targeted at universities and colleges within its footprint in London, the South East and East.

In future these opportunities will replace the existing Power Academy scheme.

## Award for firm's work experience

CAXTONS Chartered Surveyors has picked up an award for the quality of its work experience programme.

The Gravesend-based firm, which also has offices in Gillingham and Canterbury, was recognised by the Education Business Partnership for its "exceptional support in assisting the young people of Kent".

Caxtons' human resources manager Debbie Lee said: "We pride ourselves on ensuring work experience students don't get stuck with boring jobs like filing and stuffing envelopes. We try hard to make sure each student leaves us with a good and broad insight into how the business works."

"For instance, we carry out an appraisal where both we and the students can comment on how their work experience has gone while at Caxtons. The students take these back to school with them and add them to their CVs."

"We are doing our best to make a significant contribution in this area so it's nice to know our efforts are appreciated."

**By Steve Knight**

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THE Association of Accounting Technicians is urging young people to consider alternative routes into their chosen careers and look beyond university.

Last week students across Kent and the rest of the UK faced a mad scramble to find a university place due to increased competition ahead of next year's tuition fee increases.

And recent research commissioned by the AAT estimates that 55 per cent of this year's graduates are expected to be either unemployed or underemployed in jobs for which a degree is not necessary.

Kent County Council apprentice Lisa Elsworth, from Ramsgate, is currently studying for an accounting qualification through the organisation.

She said: "At the time it was a little daunting as all my friends were applying to university and I was seeking an alternative route into my chosen career.

"However, I now know it was definitely the right choice. I've almost finished my AAT qualification as I'm on the final level and I've been with my current employer for two years."

In the areas of the UK hardest hit by unemployment, more than a quarter of all recent graduates were still struggling to find work six months after graduating.

According to the Office for National Statistics, this applies to 19 per cent of graduates in the South East.

AAT chief executive Jane Scott Paul said: "No longer should we push young people into university thinking it's the right choice when there is little or no discussion about the other viable and alternative routes

out there.

"In recent years, the reality of graduating with large debts into a saturated job market means a degree can no longer be considered a passport to success.

"With the average student debt estimated at £27,000 for a three-year degree course and set to rise to £45,000 in 2012, we have to ask young people if this is a good return on investment if there is no guaranteed job prospect at the end of it.

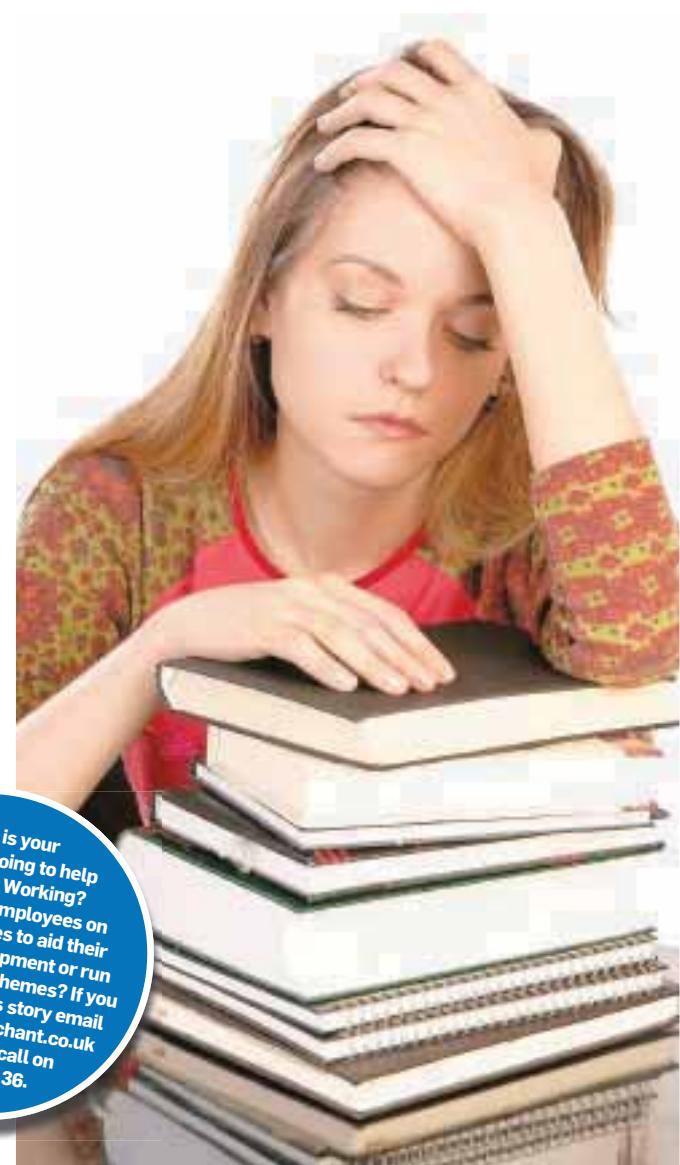
"The reality is a large majority of graduates are coming out of university and are ending up in menial and low-skilled jobs for which a degree is not necessary."

The AAT was established in 1980 to provide a recognised qualification and membership body for accounting technicians.

With 120,000 members, the charity awards more than 30,000 qualifications a year and is sponsored and supported by four of the UK's chartered accountancy bodies.

Mrs Scott Paul said: "We have to change mindsets and actively encourage young people to look into high-end vocational qualifications, gaining on-the-job training through apprenticeships and getting skills employers actually want and value.

"In the case of accountancy, those who study and qualify with AAT can become chartered accountants more quickly than those with a degree."



**OPTIONS:** The AAT says university is not the be-all and end-all for school leavers

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### Students reap rewards for positive approach to employability training

PROJECT development company Skanska played host to four students as a reward for their efforts in the University of Kent's employability points scheme.

Law student Matthew Burgess, politics student Alex Murray, and architecture students Nick Howe and Lee Jesson were given tours of three landmark London projects managed by the firm – St Bart's Hospital, the Heron Tower and the Gherkin – and

also received careers advice from three senior company executives.

The employability points scheme is designed to reward student engagement in employability skills training such as interview skills and careers seminars, as well as wider experience such as part-time work, internships, volunteering and international study.

Senior enterprise manager Stephanie Barwick said: "Our employability points scheme

is innovative in that it bridges the gap between offering students a way to enhance their own employability and providing employers with easy access to some of our most outstanding students."

"The pilot has proved this is a win-win solution for both students and employers. We will now be making this scheme a permanent part of our portfolio of student employability opportunities here at Kent."

### Generosity of ex-student to fund bursary

MECHANICAL engineering students at the University of Greenwich's Medway campus will benefit from a £390,000 legacy left by a former student.

William Hills, who died last year, studied at the old Woolwich Polytechnic until 1948 and kept in touch with the institution after it became part of the university.

The gift is Greenwich's largest ever from an individual donor and will be used to fund a new bursary scheme for mechanical engineering students. First taught at Woolwich in 1891, the subject remains an important part of the university's curriculum but is now covered by the School of Engineering at its Medway campus in Chatham Maritime.

Head of alumni and development Mark Hainy said: "Mr Hills carried warm memories of his time at Woolwich Polytechnic throughout his life.

"He greatly enjoyed his studies there and was also a keen rugby player. We understand this is why he decided to become one of an increasing number of people who remember a charity in their wills, leaving this extraordinarily generous legacy to the university."

The School of Engineering is organised as four departments – civil engineering, engineering systems, computer and communications engineering, and business and information technology management – offering a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in traditional and information age



**LEGACY:** Money will help engineering students

engineering.

In addition to mechanical engineering these also include civil engineering, marine engineering, computer networking and more.

Professor Ndy Ekere, dean of the School of Engineering, added: "The staff and students here are all very grateful to Mr Hills. Through his very kind gift, his passion for engineering education will live on, benefiting students for many years to come."

Visit [www.gre.ac.uk/schools/engineering](http://www.gre.ac.uk/schools/engineering) or call 020 8331 9000 for more information.

### First class degree for hairdresser who took the online learning route

A TONBRIDGE woman is celebrating being the first person to earn a first class degree for an online hairdressing course from the University of Derby.

Deborah Webb, 42, enrolled on the course because she wanted to improve her skills while continuing to earn a wage.

She said: "Derby was the only university I found to offer a programme like this online. Online study suited me best as I had to fit it around work and

my commitments.

"It's been a really good experience but certainly difficult at times. It's taken a lot of self-motivation to get down to study as well as working full-time, but to achieve a first class honours degree has made it all worth it."

Almost 150 students have graduated from the university's online undergraduate degree programmes since they were established in 2005.

Both Deborah and another

online success story – Heidi Thorne, 35, from Oxfordshire – will receive their degrees at an awards ceremony in the Peak District later this year.

Julia Stone, head of the University of Derby Online, said: "We are delighted to share in Deborah and Heidi's success.

"They prove what can be achieved through this kind of flexible learning and we hope they both go on to experience great success in their careers."

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CIEH Award in Food Safety in Catering	12 October	1 day	£80
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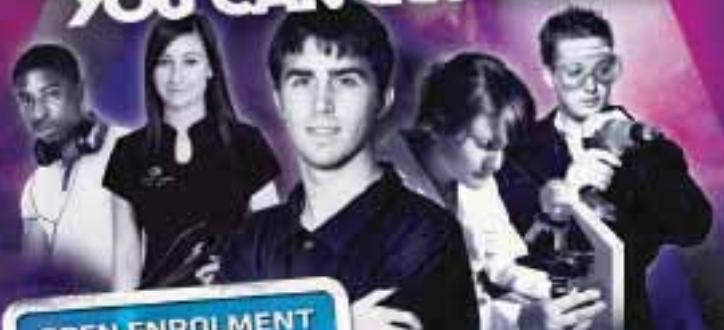
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Notice of Applications**

**MA/11/0807/S** - NORTH VIEW OAST, FORGE LANE, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0HJ - Retrospective application for change of use of land to garden area, creation of hardstanding for parking, creation of access to Forge Lane, and erection of fencing and gates. **Reason:** 1, 2

**MA/11/1174/S** - 4, CHURCH HILL COTTAGES, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AX - An application for listed building consent to strip and retile roof, form opening through tiled and plasterboard lined roof and insert a dormer window to front elevation and installation of wood burning stove in lounge with metal flue in existing chimney. **Reason:** 3

**MA/11/1193/N** - 3, MAIDSTONE ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, ME17 2QH - Change of use of dwelling from C3 to D1 to operate a Chiropody Surgery. **Reason:** 1, 2

**MA/11/1266/N** - WHITFIELD, BOARLEY LANE, SANDLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3BU - Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Reason:** 1

**MA/11/1290/S** - 1, BOWER MOUNT ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8AX - Retention and refurbishment of main building and construction of two storey extension to accommodate medical practice, retail pharmacy and ancillary accommodation and associated works including additional surface treatment and parking areas. **Reason:** 1

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**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 28th August 2011

## Maidstone Borough Council

## CORE STRATEGY

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONSULTATION  
(REGULATION 25)**
**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004, AS AMENDED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2008**

Maidstone Borough Council has prepared the [informal] Public Participation stage of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD). The document has been published for public consultation as part of the Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy covers the Borough of Maidstone and sets out the spatial strategy for the area until 2026. It is the council's principal planning document.

The Core Strategy DPD can be viewed and downloaded from the council's website [www.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk) and is available for inspection at: Maidstone Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ.

The offices are open Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. Copies will also be available at all libraries in Maidstone Borough during normal opening hours.

Any person or organisation may make representations on the Public Participation paper and these will be considered before developing the Core Strategy any further. Those wishing to make representations are encouraged to use the council's web based consultation system or the comments forms available with inspection copies of the DPD and on the council's website.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified when: [formal] Publication consultation (regulation 27) begins; the DPD has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination (regulation 30) and/or when the DPD has been adopted.

Representations relating to the Core Strategy DPD can be returned as follows:

- (1) Online using our web based consultation system at:  
<http://maidstone-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>
- (2) By email: [ldf@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@maidstone.gov.uk)
- (3) By letter: Spatial Policy, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ

Only representations that are made in writing (including electronically) and arrive at the addresses specified in (1), (2) or (3) above within the six-week period from **Friday 2 September 2011 to Friday 14 October 2011 by 11.59pm** will have the right to be considered.

**David Edwards**  
Director of Change, Planning and the Environment  
28 August 2011



## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY &amp; VILLAGE GREENS

**PROW - BOROUGH OF ASHFORD****NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE662, BRABOURNE)****DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order was made on 3rd August 2011 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath with a width of 3.0 metre which commences on Church Road opposite the Primary School and runs generally north-westwards for approximately 412.2 metres to its connection with public footpath AE285. All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to MRS MARIA MCLAUCHLAN at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 3rd October 2011. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

**PROW - CITY OF CANTERBURY****NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE BYWAYS CB199 AND CB202 IN THE PARISH OF ADISHAM****BYWAYS CB199 AND CB202****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Byways CB199 and CB202 to all traffic from 11th September 2011

CB199 will be closed from Woodlands Road to its junction with CB202 a distance of approximately 1200 metres

Byway CB202 will be closed to vehicular traffic (other than cycles) between The Street and Adisham Road a distance of approximately 1850 metres

Safe alternative provision will be made for non-vehicular traffic and cycles around working areas, where possible.

The highways will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The highways are to be closed because works are planned on them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Louise Adams

**PROW - DISTRICT OF DOVER****NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER64****IN THE PARISH OF WHITFIELD****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER64)****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ER64 between Sandwich Road and The

Drove from the 15th August 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months. The path will be closed because of planned works on the footpath and the likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Denise Roffey

**PROW - DISTRICTS OF DOVER AND SHEPWAY****NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC BYWAY HE30 / ER146 IN THE PARISHES OF DENTON WITH WOOTTON AND ELHAM****(PUBLIC BYWAY HE30 / ER146)****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Byway HE30 / ER146 from Reece Lane to Snod Hill from 15th August 2011.

Pedestrian access will be available from Snod Hill to Public Footpath ER130 at Gatteridge Farm

The route will be closed for 6 months or until the said works are complete.

The route will be closed for the construction of a new water pumping station and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Edward Denne

**PROW - BOROUGH OF SWALE****NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT****HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 25****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT****RELATING TO LAND ALONGSIDE THE SEAFRONT AND AT NEPTUNE TERRACE, SHEERNESS**

The above named Agreement, made on 21 June 2011 under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, has been made by the Kent County Council. The effect of the Agreement is to:

- upgrade the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered ZSX46 which commences at the end of a private path leading from the superstore and runs in a north-westerly direction for 28 metres. It then turns sharp right to head in a north-easterly direction for 30.5 metres where it joins the top of the flood defence wall and connects to Public Footpath ZSX47. This part of ZSX46 is to be renumbered as part of ZSX47;
- upgrade public footpath ZSX47 which commences at its connection with footpath ZSX46 and runs in a south-easterly direction for 327 metres to its connection with Restricted Byway ZSX48;
- add a new length of restricted byway numbered ZSX0 with a width of 3.0 metres which commences at the end of Restricted Byway ZSX48 and runs in an east-south-easterly direction for 508 metres to the steps adjacent to Neptune Terrace.

All distances approximate, all directions general.

A copy of the Public Path Creation Agreement and accompanying plans have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Kent County Council's Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies may also be purchased there.

Under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, there is no right of an objection and the Agreement has taken immediate effect.

**Countryside Access Service****Kent County Council****Invicta House****County Hall****Maidstone****Kent****ME14 1XX**

Dated: 28th August 2011

*The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats*

For further information, please contact  
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## HIGHWAYS

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(OLANTIGH ROAD, WYE, ASHFORD)  
(SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers has made an Order, the effect of which is to:

Extend the existing 30mph speed limit in Olantigh Road, for a distance approximately 65 metres in a north easterly direction, to the northern boundary of a property named Middlefield Cottage.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 30 September 2011, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads affected by the new provisions, may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Canterbury

**MANOR ROAD, WHITSTABLE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting northbound traffic on Manor Road, Whitstable, on or after 12 September 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed northbound only between the junctions with Tankerton Road and Northwood Road.

The alternative route is via Northwood Road, Graystone Road and B2205 Tankerton Road.

Southbound traffic is unaffected.

**SUN STREET, CANTERBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow the safe placement of scaffolding for essential building repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sun Street, Canterbury, on or after 3 September 2011 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 17.

The alternative route for through traffic is via via Burgate, Canterbury Lane, St George's Street, Lower Bridge Street, Broad Street, Military Road, Tourtel Road, Northgate, New Huntington Lane, Union Place, Union Street, The Borough and Palace Street.

**THE STREET, WICKHAMBREAUX  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of ducting works in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Wickhambreaux, on or after 15 September 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Ivy Cottage and The Old Workhouse.

The alternative route is via Wickham Road (Wickham Court Lane), Grove Road and The List.

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

**A2260 SOUTHFLEET ROAD, SWANScombe AND GREENHITH - (TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting all traffic travelling at any speed excess of 40mph on A2260 Southfleet Road, Swanscombe and Greenhithe between the roundabout at the junction of International Way to the roundabout at entrance to the Northfleet West Grid Sub Station. The Order will become effective on 12th September 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the restriction is planned to last 3 nights. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the restriction is to facilitate the reduction of speed of vehicles approaching proposed works on the Ebsfleet Station Western Roundabout gyratory.

### HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**CHURCH STREET ST MARY'S, SANDWICH  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of ducting works in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Street St Mary's, Sandwich, on or after 30 August 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed either side of the junction with School Road, as signposted on site.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Delf Street and Strand Street.

The alternative routes are

**Northbound** via Delf Street, Harnet Street and Strand Street.

**Southbound** via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, Cattle Market and Delf Street.

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

**WHITE POST LANE, CULVERSTONE -  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on White Post Lane, Culverstone between Mountfield Close and A227 Wrotham Road.

The Order will become effective on 29th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: White Post Lane, Newlands Lane, A227 Gravesend Road and A227 Wrotham Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new electrical supply.

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF EASTBOUND TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by eastbound traffic on High Street between number 34 and Mill Street on or after Sunday 18th September 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 month or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Fairmeadow, Earl Street, Pudding Lane.

Eurovia Contracting Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for the removal of carriageway traffic and refuge islands and the construction of a new courtesy crossing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is David Waggett on 0208 344 9630.

### District of Sevenoaks

**ROCK HILL, SHOREHAM  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Rock Hill, Shoreham between Well Hill and Firmingers Road.

The Order will become effective on 12th September 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to commence 15th September 2011 and last for 5 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Well Hill and Firmingers Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate verge and edge of carriageway repair works.

### HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**CANNON STREET, LYDD  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new wastewater connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cannon Street, Lydd, on or after 12 September 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 2.

The alternative route is via High Street, New Lane and New Street.

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

**CHURCH HILL, HERNHILL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Hill, Hernhill, on or after 12 September 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Staple Street.

The alternative route is via Staple Street, Kemsdale Road and Kays Lane.

### DAVINGTON HILL, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Davington Hill, Faversham, on or after 1 September 2011.

The Start Date is approximate and follows on from completion of the works in Priory Road.

The works are planned for up to 4 weeks from once they start.

**Davington Hill** will be closed between the junctions with Dark Hill / West Street and Brent Hill.

The alternative route is via Dark Hill, Priory Road and Davington Road.

### GROVE PLACE, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Place, Faversham, on or after 29 August 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with the A2 London Road and Grove Close.

The alternative route is via A2 Ospringe Street, B240 Ospringe Road, Lower Road and Wallers Road.

### HEAD HILL ROAD, GRAVENEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Head Hill Road, Graveney, on or after 17 September 2011, as shown below.

The initial closure is planned for 17 & 18 September 2011 outside Poplar Hall Farm.

The next closure is planned for 24 & 25 September 2011 outside Forge Cottages.

The alternative route is via Seasalter Road, Faversham Road (note 11' 6" height restriction), Joy Lane, Borsal Hill, A299 Thanet Way and Head Hill.

### SEASALTER ROAD, GRAVENEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Gillets Lane from the side off number 47 Wateringbury Road on or after Monday 12th September 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Chapel Street and The Rocks Road.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to provide a connection to a property. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Alex McDonald on 07711 491570.

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seasalter Road, Graveney, on or after 3 September 2011 as shown below.

The road will be closed from the property known as Fairview for a distance of approximately 40 metres northwards.

It is planned there will be 2 weekend closures of Seasalter Road on 3 & 4 September and 10 & 11 September 2011.

The alternative route is via Faversham Road (note 11' 6" height restriction), Joy Lane, Borsal Hill, Head Hill and Head Hill Road.

This Order is in force for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

### WHITSTABLE ROAD, GRAVENEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

So that the connection point for a new water mains can be safely located, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whitstable Road, Graveney, on or after 30 August 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

**Whitstable Road** will be closed to westbound traffic approximately 30 metres from the junction with A299 Thanet Way Off-slip.

This means there will be no access for traffic from the A299 Thanet Way into Whitstable Road.

The alternative route is via A2 Canterbury Road, B240 Love Lane and Whitstable Road.

Traffic can still join the A299 from Whitstable Road

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(COACH ROAD , IGHTHAM)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Coach Road, Ightham from the junction of Sandy Lane / Pine Tree Lane heading north for 150 Metres on or after Wednesday 14th September 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is Copt Hall Road , Common Road and Ismay Road and vice versa.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to make provision of a new telegraph pole for a new customer connection. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Web on 0870 0500792. For further information or comment please call Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(GILLETT'S LANE, EAST MALLING)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Gillets Lane from the side off number 47 Wateringbury Road on or after Monday 12th September 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Chapel Street and The Rocks Road.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to provide a connection to a property. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Alex McDonald on 07711 491570.

Katherine Kerswell  
Group Managing Director

Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 28th August 2011

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### BIRTHS

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Vanessa Channon and Richard Allen of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Poppy Mia Primrose Allen on 9th August, 2011.

#### BARTLETT

Kristie and David of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Sarah Anne Barlett, born at QEQM Hospital on 10th August, 2011, weighing 7lb 11oz. A sister to Luke and William.

#### LUSTED

Fred and Faye celebrate the birth of their son Owen Samuel Lusted on 11th August, 2011, in Ashford.

#### MARKLEW / WILLS

Indie Louisia Rose born on 11th July 2011, weighing 7lb 4oz. Daughter to Polly

Marklew and Michael Wills in Maidstone

#### NORTHAM

Gemma and David Northam of Margate celebrate the birth of their son Taylor Thomas Northam on 26th July, 2011.

#### O'HANLEY

Jesse and Paola of Canterbury are delighted to announce the arrival of Martina Rose on 8th August, 2011. A sister for Victor.

#### REDFEARN

Thomas and Natasha of Wingham are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Matilda Louisa May, on 2nd August, 2011.

#### SWAN / CHART

The Chart and Swan family celebrate the birth of their son Reece William Richard Swan, born on 14th August, 2011, weighing 7lb 6oz.

### TOMKINS

Tara and Paul Tomkins celebrate the birth of their daughter Madison Tomkins on 2nd August, 2011.

### DEATHS

#### ROWLES

In loving memory of our dearly departed dad, Alan George Rowles, 24 Jan, 1935 - 15 Aug, 2011. Larger than life, brighter than sunshine, happy as a Kentish summer's day and sorely missed.

#### TICEHURST

Albert Henry died peacefully at Kent and Sussex Hospital on 5th August, aged 87 years. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Kent and Sussex Crematorium on Friday, 26th August, 2011, at 1.00pm. Family flowers

only. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation, c/o Alex Jones Funeral Directors, 01883 730383.

#### TRIGG

Ewart William Trigg, Sugar Bill, AA Fellowship. 05/03/1919 - 09/08/2011, aged 91years. Passed away unexpectedly on 9th August, 2011. Funeral to take place on Friday 02/09/2011 at Hawkinge Crematorium at 11.45. Family flowers only but donations to Cat Protection, Folkestone.

#### WICKS

Dennis John Wicks, passed away on the 27th July, 2011. Loving father to Julia and grandfather to Faith. You will always live forever in our hearts. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium on Friday 2nd September at 2:40pm. Enquiries to Horlock, Northfleet.

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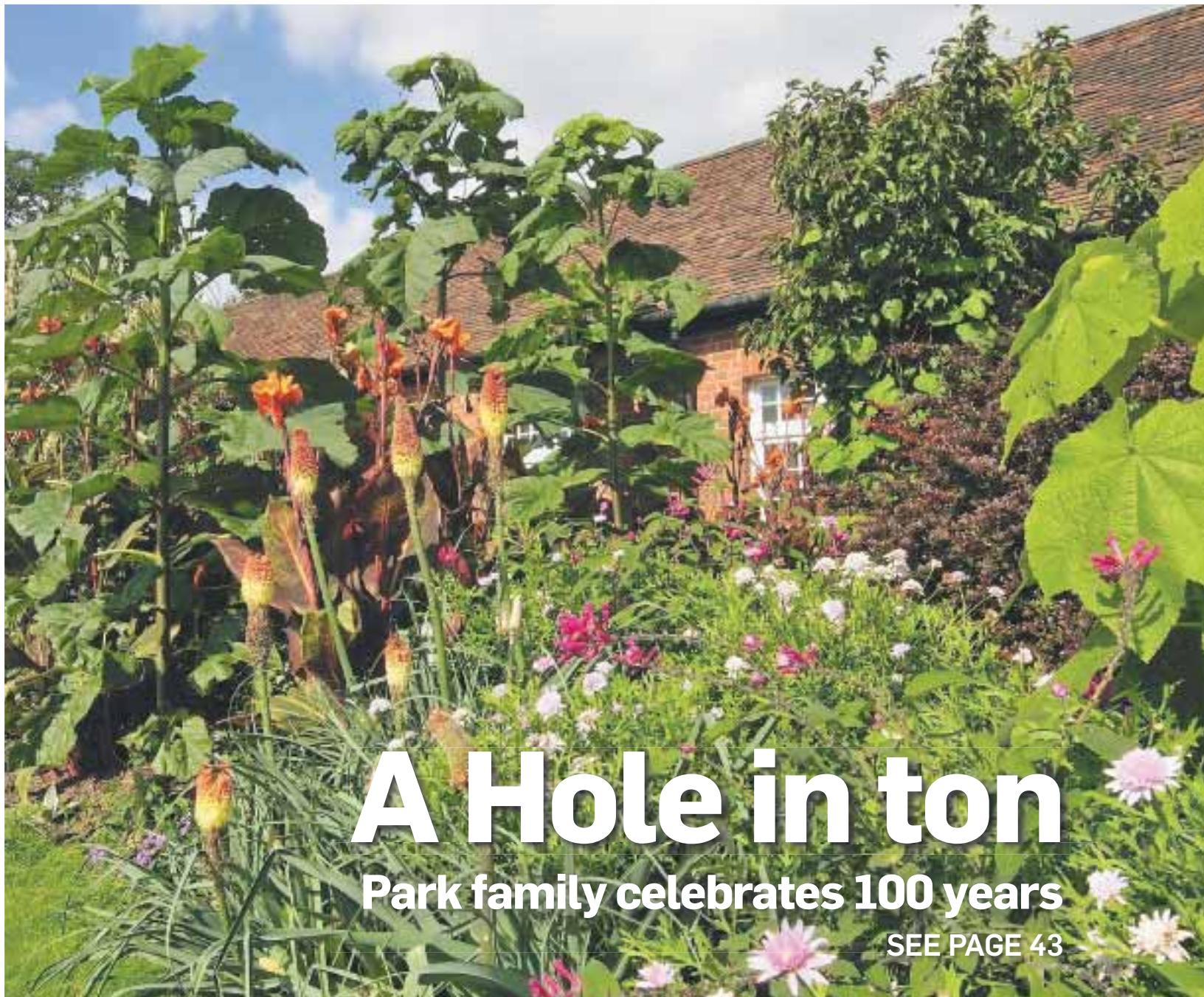


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## THE INTERVIEW

## Matthew White

# Making a stink

**Ed Hill** meets the man responsible for adapting David Walliams's latest tale

**D**AVID Walliams is best known for his success as a comedian, but he has also written three well-received children's stories.

His second book, *Mr Stink*, has now been adapted for the stage and will be playing at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells.

The man asked to bring the story to life is Matthew White.

He said: "I was familiar with *Mr Stink* because I had read it with my two daughters. As soon as I was asked, I knew I would love to work on it. The story has characters that are very clear and vibrant. It is a classic theme of someone coming into a child's life and changing it for the better, rather like Mary Poppins or Nanny McPhee."

*Mr Stink* tells the story of 12-year-old Chloe, who befriends a local tramp. The youngster, who is bullied at school and neglected by her parents, invites him to live in her garden shed, hidden from her family until one day he comes into the house.

A small cast of five play all the characters and White has added music and puppetry.

He said: "It already felt structurally that it could work as a stage show. There was a very natural end to act one, when *Mr Stink* first appears in the house and the smell is overwhelming.

"We could have done it as a straight play, but I think songs help to drive the show along and keep the children's attention. It heightens some of the more dramatic moments."

The show is described as the world's first scratch-and-sniff production... an idea the author was keen to include.

White said: "It was David's idea. He felt very strongly that a piece that was about smells needed to include that element in the show."

The audience are given a scratch-and-sniff booklet as they come into the auditorium. There are six smells, and children are asked to smell each one when new characters appear.



Picture: PAUL RIDER



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**ADAPTATION:** From left, Matthew White has turned David Walliams's book *Mr Stink* into a play for children to enjoy

generations of youngsters who would have first seen them in Roald Dahl's stories.

White said: "We use Quentin Blake's drawings on all the posters, along with the scratch-and-sniff booklets. Parents and children are so familiar with his visual style that it helps give the story a welcome feel."

White says *Mr Stink* has universal themes that appeal to children.

He said: "Children can identify with Chloe. She is not an anodyne character. She is a bit damaged because of the way she has been treated by her school and family. Then there is the interesting aspect of a child befriending someone who is on the outskirts of society."

The show has a serious message, but it is also full of humour that appeals to children.

White said: "There is a lot of toilet humour and farting, which the children love."

White has a history of adapting stories for the stage. He is currently in the process of making a

stage version of the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers classic film *Top Hat*.

He said: "I find it an interesting challenge taking something that was intended for one medium and transferring it to another."

The touring production of *Mr Stink* is going down well with young theatregoers.

White said: "We have been pleased with how it has been received. I think the characters are fascinating from a young person's perspective."

"The audience reaction you get is different from place to place but always attentive. At the Hackney Empire it was a very lively crowd, whereas when I saw the play at the Rose Theatre in Kingston the children were a lot quieter but captivated."

**■ Mr Stink is at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday and Saturday, October 7-8. Visit [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk), or phone 01892 530613 for details.**

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# TALKING POINT

## Internet

**W**HEN Facebook was launched back in 2004 it was originally only available to the students of Harvard University to keep in touch with one another.

Within a few short years the social networking website had evolved into a worldwide phenomenon, and the reasons why people continue to sign up to it in their millions have remained virtually the same.

But while the majority of people who use sites like Facebook and Twitter do so to look at their friend's wedding photos or send out birthday invitations, it has become clear in recent months that social media has a much more powerful role to play in 21st century society.

"Everyone watching these horrific actions will be struck by how they were organised via social media," said Prime Minister David Cameron after the recent acts of rioting and looting which tore several of the country's biggest cities apart.

He continued: "Free flow of information can be used for good. But it can also be used for ill."

"And when people are using social media for violence, we need to stop them. So we are working with the police, the intelligence services and industry to look at whether it would be right to stop people communicating via these websites and services when we know they are plotting violence, disorder and criminality."

"I have also asked the police if they need any other new powers."

While the violence which rocked England has been condemned by most right-thinking people, Mr Cameron's comments have been taken by some as an attack on privacy and free speech.

They question how the authorities could possibly know if someone was plotting to cause trouble, and whose job it would be to make such a judgement. Critics have also pointed out that business, politics and free speech rely on privacy, and that everyone has the right to secure communications.

"Technology is neutral. It's a conduit for information and not something that should be blamed," said University of Kent student Zack Whittaker, who writes regular blogs for the popular ZDNet website.

"It was the people behind the technology who were using it for ill means. Gang culture needs to be tackled at a local level and can't be solved by shutting down Blackberry Messenger or bringing top cops over from the United States."

"At the moment the UK has a stringent set of privacy laws which are outdated and don't reflect what's going on in the world, and the recent arguments over celebrity superinjunctions show just how limited freedom of speech actually is."

"Social networking websites have had a significant impact in that they enable free speech to circulate around the world, and that's often a good thing. We shouldn't clamp down on the social media because of the actions of a minority of users, but the Government will still try to blame it anyway."

As if any further proof were needed of the power of the internet, the so-called 'Arab Spring' was it. While the protestors in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya may well have taken to the streets without the use of Facebook, Twitter and the like, the websites certainly made it a lot easier for them to rally support as well as send a message to other suppressed nations.

But while these people used social media to try to break free from tyranny and gain a better life for themselves, the rioters and looters who tore some of England's biggest cities apart did so mostly for their own thirst for violence and anarchism.

Derek Wyatt, the former Labour MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, was in 2004 voted one of the top 100 internet visionaries and



**The riots which tore England apart earlier this month were fuelled by anarchists using social media websites.**

**Reporter STEVE KNIGHT asks if the time is right for an internet clampdown**

**CHANGE:**  
The rise of social networking websites has been a force for both good and evil in recent months

# IS NOW THE TIME FOR AN INTERNET CLAMPDOWN?

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**There's no point speculating on whether or not the riots would have happened without social networking sites because we've got them and it's about time we learned to live with them**

**FORMER MP DEREK WYATT**

is currently trying to raise about £3 million to fund the launch of a new internet policy institute.

He said: "I don't think the riots would have been as widespread without the use of social networking websites because with the possible exception of texting they are the fastest way to communicate."

"Unfortunately the cause of the first protest and subsequent riot (i.e. the police shooting of Mark Duggan) has been largely forgotten. It probably would have ended there if the Police Complaints Commission had acted more promptly."

"But there's no point speculating on whether or not the riots would have happened without social networking websites, because we've got them and it's about time we learned to live with them."

"I think the police have been slow in monitoring them though. I wonder how many police there are in the UK who specialise in dealing with this sort of thing. I bet it's not many."

In May, French President Nicolas Sarkozy hosted the first ever e-G8 forum in Paris, where he warned that countries could not remain neutral and allow completely unchecked internet

use. He added that the web was "not a parallel universe where legal and moral rules do not apply".

At the time David Cameron refused to give his backing to any sort of censorship of the internet, but his comments which followed the recent riots suggest he may now have changed his mind.

Mr Wyatt said: "It's inevitable that some sort of international treaty is drawn up within the next 10 years because there's a growing concern about how the internet is used."

"It's impossible to monitor everything but we should be able to say to the owners of Facebook, Twitter or whoever – here is the English law and you must abide by it or we will take you down. Then what appears on their websites becomes their responsibility. It will still be difficult to monitor but we shouldn't give up the ghost before we've even tried."

"We're in the second generation of the internet at the moment and by the third generation people will say they're fed up with things like spam and pirated music and things will happen to tackle the problems."

"We don't have all the answers yet but eventually they will come."

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# KENT REMEMBERED



**PIONEER:** Francis McClean's efforts ensured pilots were able to train in relative privacy from his airfield in Eastchurch, pictured below, so aiding the development of early British naval aviation

## Book celebrates the godfather of aviation

By Mathew Beech

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THE work of a little-known aviation pioneer who once flew a plane through Tower Bridge has now been celebrated in a new book.

Completing his feat by 'parking' on the Thames, he is known as the father of naval flying, as described in the book Frank McClean: Godfather to British Naval Aviation.

Francis Kennedy McClean is an important figure behind the development of the UK's pre-war aviation industry, who was based at Eastchurch, on the Isle of Sheppey.

The author, Phillip Jarrett, is keen to show how one man's passion developed an industry and got the country's armed forces off the ground.

Francis McClean trained and worked as a civil engineer but retired while in his early 30s and lived off the vast wealth he inherited from his grandfather, who had also practised as an engineer. With the money he came into, Mr McClean followed his two passions – astronomy and flying.

"McClean travelled the world to witness eclipses, going three or four times to exotic islands to witness the phenomenon," said Mr Jarrett. "His other main interest was ballooning and he was a member of the Royal Aero club, although it wasn't royal back then."

"He took the opportunity to go on a flight with Wilbur Wright and from then on he was hooked."

After getting his teeth into aeroplanes and teaching himself to fly one of the Wright brother's planes – no mean feat according to Mr Jarrett – McClean then set about establishing the aviation industry in the UK and fulfilling his desire to take to the air, creating the UK's first naval flying school in the process.

Mr Jarrett adds: "The Short



brothers had a license to build the Wright brothers' planes, McClean helped them turn this into a business and, between 1909 and 1914, bought 16 aeroplanes himself. He made these available to the Territorial Army and the Royal Navy from his airfield in Eastchurch.

"The navy then set up a base on the site and McClean gave them all the equipment they needed almost for free, charging a peppercorn rent.

"He got them off the ground, literally, off his own back."

One of McClean's best known stunts took place on August 10, 1912.

He took off from the Eastchurch airfield and flew to London, before heading up the Thames to Westminster.

On the way to the Houses of Parliament, McClean guided his plane through the upper and lower decks of Tower Bridge, before landing outside of Westminster and heading for lunch.

While away from his aircraft, police officers were keen to find out who had left their plane on the Thames, and on his return, McClean was told to move it, but he was not allowed to take off from the water until he got further down the river.

Poor weather conditions sadly damaged the plane, and it travelled back to Eastchurch via road.

The pioneering work of McClean carried on into 1914, where he pursued the development of multiple engined craft after a close friend went missing on a cross Channel flight.

Mr Jarrett said: "His friend was due to fly back from France but after taking off, he was never seen again."

"This convinced McClean that relying on one engine was not a good idea and that multiple engines were needed."

The Eastchurch site may not be as famous as other airfields, such as Brooklands, for developing the British aviation industry, but according to Mr Jarrett, that is what McClean wanted.

"The privacy to allow flying experiments to take place."

"It was chosen deliberately for this as it meant the naval pilots could learn to fly in peace."

"It is partly because of this that McClean remains a neglected pioneer."

Mr McClean died, aged 79, in 1955.

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He said: "Kent's reputation for hops was known all around the world, but the main trend seemed to be people going across to Calais and getting their cheap French beer."

The Kiwi had been a keen home brewer in his old country. His passion for the craft didn't diminish despite beginning a career in international management.

"I had a job as an economic researcher for the Agent General of New South Wales, in London, but I knew that brewing was always what I really wanted to do and Kent seemed to be the place to get involved," he said.

After a few years working at local breweries, Prins decided to make a go of it on his own and in 2000 he opened the Hopdaemon Brewery.

The name derives from a folk character said to roam the hop gardens at night, but it was also a suitable tag for the spirit of the beer and its brewer.

Prins said: "I chose the name because our beers are really hop-driven. We don't use hops from places like New Zealand or America. We use Kentish hops and we use a lot of them. We get a lot of fruity aromas and crisp flavours using local varieties. It also tied in with the medieval feel I wanted to create about the beer."

Prins is passionate about using local hops. His supplier grows the aromatic flowers just a mile down the road from his brewery in Newham.

The brewery produces five main cask and bottled beers with names like Incubus (a bronze-coloured bitter at 4 per cent), Leviathan (a strong ale at 6 per cent) and Golden Braid (a lighter ale at 3.7 per cent).

Prins said: "There is still great beauty and balance in English hops and we can get great flavours with the combinations that we make."

Prins's passion for his craft coincided with

How a New Zealander ditched a high-flying career in finance to come to Kent in pursuit of the perfect pint



## BEYOND THE ALE:

Tony Prins says there is nothing better than seeing his ales being served on draft at a pub

a resurgence in real ales, but it was still hard work getting established.

He said: "People were stocking real ales from places like Yorkshire. It didn't seem right when we can make such good beers here. Luckily I had some very good pubs that supported me and they are still with me now."

Hopdaemon's reputation grew, helped by winning awards backed by the Campaign For Real Ale.

Prins said: "We have built up a bit of a reputation. I think people are happy spending a little more money on something that has been produced with love and has distinctive tastes and something interesting about it."

Prins is optimistic about the future despite the

difficult few years for the pub industry.

He said: "It was a tough time when a lot of pubs went under with the smoking ban, but many have said to me one way forward was to get into selling real ales."

He also has no regrets about going into the industry.

He said: "I got into brewing not to be a big business man and make lots of money but because I love the art and craft of it and seeing the whole process from start to finish."

"There is nothing like going into a pub where one of my beers is on draft and hearing someone say 'Try that Incubus – it's a cracking pint'. It makes it all worthwhile."

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## No beef with the steak but price is high at bistro

### RESTAURANT Review



the steak as possible, we shunned the excellent selection of starters and settled on sharing the mixed antipasto (£7.50). It included Serrano ham, provolone cheese, sun-dried tomatoes and ciabatta, which was just right as a

light introduction before the main.

The menu features burgers and other options, although it is difficult to see why anyone would go to Buenos Aires and not choose one of the steaks. There is a wide variety of cuts and sizes available but, keen to taste as much as possible, we went with the steak sampler (£44.95 between two).

The option gives diners a chance to try four cuts of beef, along with a choice of side dishes – we opted for the chunky chips. If you do go down this route, I would recommend following our example and start with the least expensive cut and work your way up. This means going from rump to ribeye and on to sirloin before finally lomo.

All four were deliciously tender and the almost melt-in-the-mouth lomo justified its tag as the priciest. To go with the beef we chose a salsa criolla

sauce, which, considering the price of the sampler, we were surprised cost an extra £2.95.

It was accompanied by an excellent Argentinian Malbec, which at £24.95 was one of the cheapest options.

There was just enough room for a caramel cheesecake (£4.50) and crème brûlée (£5.50), which were fine but nothing out of the ordinary.

With a tip, the bill came to £99.39, which sounds expensive for steak and chips. The quality of the beef probably made it worthwhile and I would go back, but for a special occasion rather than on a more regular night out.

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HYTHE farmers' market was established in March 2004 and is now located in the Methodist church hall (between Chapel Street and Prospect Road); it is open on the second and fourth Saturdays every month from 10am to midday.

#### Elham

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VALERIE fun loving, late 60's, widow, slim, blonde, N/S, GSOH, likes walks, meals out, looking for similar male for relationship. Ashford, Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373205

LORNA 66, loving, 5ft 4ins, seeks similar gent, 60-70. Hythe, Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387162 ☎

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H I'm Louise, an easygoing sensual slim blonde looking for someone to have fun with initially maybe later. Call me. Any age/status, Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371399 ☎

FOLKESTONE lady, 57, 5ft 1ins, hazel eyes, medium build, likes walks, good food, seeks caring, affectionate male, large build to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415 ☎

NAUGHTY 58, auburn hair, green eyes, 5ft 3ins, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371979 ☎

PAULINE 38, teacher, easygoing, friendly, likes films, walks, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374049

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## WALK

## Linton

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Discover stunning architecture set within beautiful countryside on the Greensand Way when you leave the county town behind to explore

**E**NJOY open parkland, orchards, oast houses and incredible panoramic views of The Weald and out to the South Downs on this memorable four-mile walk.

Starting in the enchanting village of Linton, just a stone's throw from the hustle and bustle of Maidstone town centre, the route quickly leads you on to the Greensand Way.

Following the ridge high above the River Beult, the Greensand Way is a wonderful 108-mile route starting in Haslemere, Surrey, and ending in Hamstreet, Kent.

As you embark on the first leg of the route you may catch a glimpse of the impressive white walls of Linton Park House, which can be seen through the trees as the pathway passes through light woodland and copses of holly, sycamore and sweet chestnut.

Continue past well-established orchards, which provide a mass of blossom in spring and a wonderful rich apple scent in autumn.

The high hedges around the orchards provide much-needed shelter for the fruit trees from potential damage from harsh weather. The views open up again as you continue – on your right you can enjoy excellent views of Goudhurst.

Even further-reaching dramatic views open up as you follow the route alongside St Peter's Church in the village of Boughton Monchelsea. The lych gate to the church was constructed without nails in 1470 and is believed to be the second oldest in the country.

Also en route, Boughton Monchelsea Place strikes an imposing presence across the surrounding countryside. Standing in its own 165 acres of grounds, this Elizabethan stone-built manor boasts its own lake, deer park, and woodland.

Cattle and sheep graze in nearby fields as you pass by heading towards Linton Park. In the heart of the park you will not fail to stop and take in the scene that meets you. The imposing white Palladian mansion house with its high flagpole sits among the beautiful parkland.

Continue onwards across the park to reach the lake, a popular haunt of wildfowl and in the summer filled with water lilies.

Arriving back in Linton, The Bull Inn is conveniently situated for a welcome rest and refreshment stop.

**Location:** Linton, ME17 4AW

**Distance:** 4 miles (6.4km); allow 2.5 hours

**OS Explorer Maps:** 136, 148

**Terrain:** Mainly arable and pasture; paths with some on-road sections

**Stiles:** Six

**Gates:** Seven

**Steps:** One set

**Step count:** approx 8,000

**Parking:** Car park in Linton village

**Refreshments and facilities:** The Bull Inn pub in Linton village



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# KENT ATTRACTIONS

## Fast forward Cheetahs race against time

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PORT Lympne is delighted to announce the arrival of two young male cheetahs.

The pair arrived at their new home as part of a breeding programme with Africa Alive in Suffolk.

The southern cheetah is the world's fastest land mammal, reaching speeds of up to 70mph. It is also endangered. It is estimated that in 1990 there were 100,000 cheetahs in the wild – today just 7,500 remain. The Aspinall Foundation, which works closely with Port Lympne, is a charity dedicated to the conservation of animals and returning threatened species to the wild.

Head big-cat-keeper Rich Barnes said: "We have our fingers crossed that the pair will be successful breeding males."



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## Introducing new talent Music and beer

### The Alexandra Centre, Faversham Hop Festival

Sat and Sun, September 3-4  
[www.faversham.org](http://www.faversham.org)

THIS year's Faversham Hop Festival is fast approaching and the streets of the market town will come alive with a variety of wonderful entertainment.

The Alexander Centre,

in Preston Street, will be showcasing young, upcoming musical talent.

Over the two-day festival an exciting list of bands, DJs and dance groups will be performing on the Introducing Stage.

Organiser Susan Wilson said: "We are so pleased to be able to introduce these rising stars to Faversham. Entry on both days is free and we have a full licence and great facilities for individuals and families. "Our hall opens on to our garden, where we will be serving a delicious BBQ all weekend, and where there will

be an area for young children to play."

The line-up includes much-talked-about London group Oscar Suave And The Wrong 'Uns, who will bring their impressive set of psychedelic sounds and slamming guitar hooks. They play at midday on the Saturday, followed by impressive young musician DJ Memro from 3pm.

Sunday starts at 1pm with local duo Ant And Luke and culminates with what promises to be an explosive set by renowned Kent rockers Electric River at 3pm. More acts are to be confirmed.

## The brew and the boogie Drink up!

### East Malling Beer and Cider Festival

Saturday, September 2  
Open from 11am-8pm

FESTIVAL-organisers anticipate record numbers of locally-produced beers and ciders this year.

As many as 25 varieties are set to be on sale at the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) East Malling Beer and Cider Festival, which also features live music and local food. Jeff Tucker, chairman of Maidstone and Mid-Kent CAMRA, said: "Cider has always proved popular at previous festivals.

"East Malling Research has a great heritage in creating apple varieties."

Organisers also wish to highlight the range of ciders made from natural ingredients, which are proving to be increasingly popular. Wendy Lanng, cider coordinator of the festival, said: "We are sure that the range of ciders and perries on offer will suit all tastes."

The event will run from 11am to 8pm. Admission is £2 for CAMRA card-holders and £4 for non-members. There will also a free bus service running to the festival site from nearby stations.



## Farm fun and fresh foods Great days out

### Haguelands Village, Romney Marsh

01303 874727  
[www.haguelandsvillage.co.uk](http://www.haguelandsvillage.co.uk)

ROMNEY Marsh's best-kept secret, Haguelands, offers lots of fun, food and frolics. Along with a fantastic farm shop, visitors can try the fishmongers, gift shop, bistro, cookery school, maize maze, tractor rides, paintballing and giant boot fairs; they can also meet a herd of alpacas.

## Celebrations for centenary A riot of colour

### Hole Park Gardens, near Tenterden

01580 241344

[www.holepark.com](http://www.holepark.com)

THIS year marks a significant milestone in Hole Park's history as the Barham family celebrate 100 years in residence. In light of this, the family are welcoming members of the public to explore their 15 acres of beautifully-maintained gardens and woodland. Visitors can enjoy colour all year round, clipped topiary, secluded pools and water gardens. Get lost among the winding paths, boardwalks with flowering shrubbery, to where a 16th-century ice house has been newly restored. Homemade cakes and juices are available in the coach house, alongside a plant stall. Hole Park Gardens are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 6pm. Admission is £6 for adults and £1 for children.



Haguelands offers quality local products ranging from tasty jams and chutneys, Kent cheeses to local juices and even alpaca garments made from the herd's fibre. The site has a drinks and entertainments licence for visitors to sample Kent's best beers, wines and ciders. So why not try the beer garden or a meal in the bistro? The cookery school is also a must, where you can watch everything being created from fresh local ingredients – see the website above for dates. The main event, Opera On The Farm, on Saturday, September 10, still has a few spaces available, so book fast. Ticket prices are available online.

# HOMES

## Adapt just one wall to add all the extra space you could need to your home

**B**eing cooped up indoors all winter may just highlight a need for more space. If you don't want to move house, though, give some thought to adding another room to your property instead.

The contemporary orangeries from Elephant are entirely bespoke and an ideal way to introduce more space without having to sacrifice your garden.

Choosing a wall of Elephant's bi-folding aluminium doors means the space has a dual function: close them and you gain an indoor dining room, playroom or kitchen; leave them open and your garden becomes an extension of your living space.

Because Elephant manufactures everything itself, you can pick different colour finishes for the inside and out to ensure the orangery complements your home.

Elephant will project-manage the whole thing, from lighting to landscaping, so taking a massive weight off your mind.

Conservatories are one of the best ways to give your home that all-important light and airy feeling.

As a place to relax with large windows, they allow a view out to the garden, so increasing the idea of space in the home and making a connection between the interior and exterior space.

They are also ideal for entertaining, especially in the summer months when doors can be left open, making for a seamless transition between the home and the outside, enabling the party or other social event to spill out of the house into the sunshine.

With the addition of plants and carefully-arranged furniture, they can add markedly to the style and individuality of any home as well as considerably increasing its value.

The addition of a drinks cabinet is always welcome, especially when the room is used for entertaining guests, and a dining table can also be used to give something of an al fresco feel to meals taken in the room rather than in a more formal home setting.

Elephant staff are experts in providing exactly what is needed to give the home that little bit extra when it comes to conservatories with style.

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# HOMES

## Banks helping riot-hit businesses to recover

By Nick Ames

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NATWEST and RBS have introduced emergency measures to speed recovery for business customers whose properties have been affected by the riots.

The banks say they will offer customers a range of solutions to problems that are a direct result of the disturbances across England.

These include fast-track requests for temporary credit increases, along with short-term financing to cover cost of repairs and replacement stock while businesses wait for insurance claims to be paid.

They will also offer repayment holidays on existing loans to give businesses the breathing space they need to get back on their feet and refund or waive overdraft fees incurred as a result of the riots on a case-by-case basis.

Peter Ibbetson, small business chairman for NatWest and RBS, said: "Many local entrepreneurs have lost their livelihoods as a result of the riots, and communities have lost the services they provide. We're making additional support available because we know how important it is to the local economy to get these high-street businesses trading again."

Roger House, Federation Of Small Businesses chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "Small

firms are still reeling from the shock of the last week and those directly affected are trying to pick themselves up from the damage caused.

"Fortunately, Government is stepping up and supporting small firms at this time and we are glad to see that insurance deadlines and the Time To Pay scheme have both been extended – sensible measures that the Federation Of Small Businesses had been saying were absolutely crucial.

"With concerns that businesses are not able to use the Time To Pay scheme more than once, the FSB is urging HMRC to ensure that those businesses that have been looted or burnt down and that have used this scheme before are able to use it again.

"The announcement that Government will support businesses through the high-street support scheme, suspension of business rates payments for affected businesses and help for uninsured firms is welcomed by the FSB.

"At this time, it is also vital that people keep trade local to support their communities so that businesses can get up and running again."

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# Eco Auris fails to excite

By Sam Davison

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TOYOTA'S eco-champion Prius is probably the most well-known green car on the planet. It's only available with the Japanese marque's ground-breaking petrol-electric hybrid system, so you can't help but shout your environmental awareness if you buy one.

But Toyota also makes what is probably the world's least well-known green car, the Auris HSD (Hybrid Synergy Drive). If you buy one of these to proclaim your stance on the environment, then it could come out as a whisper.

That's because this eco version of the British-built Auris – Toyota's Ford Focus class challenger – looks just like its petrol and diesel-driven sister models and there is little on the outside to say that it is as green as the Prius.

Admittedly it's well equipped, but not much cheaper than a Prius, which starts at £20,845, while Auris Hybrid prices start from £19,895 – only a grand or so less.

For that little saving you get marginally better fuel consumption but less space.

It's all rather disappointing. When Toyota said it would build the eco Auris, industry watchers like me thought it would really set the cat among the pigeons; built using the cheaper UK manufacturing cost base – the Prius is imported from Japan – surely it would be an affordable hybrid to tackle a rash of eco diesels from other mainstream carmakers?

Surely not, it seems.

Still, even at its rather extravagant price, the Auris HSD has its merits for those serious about greening their image and lowering running costs.

Look closely, too, and it does differ slightly from the conventional Auris line-up: a different bumper and grille and bigger rear spoiler deliver better aerodynamics. It also sits slightly lower for the same reason.

The big differences are inside, though. Most

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**GREEN BUT EXPENSIVE:**

The Toyota Auris HSD does have its merits when it comes to eco-friendly driving, but could its price tag be its downfall?

obvious is the slightly insipid gear selector from the Prius. Probably the most disappointing thing about driving a hybrid, it really is a select-and-forget device, although there is a sport button to inject some extra life into the car even if this defeats the object of having a green car.

As you might expect, then, the Auris is not set up to scurry about; the chassis delivers comfort rather than tautness and, in any case, the dashboard display gently nags and encourages you to drive steadily and environmentally.

However, if you do follow that course and feather that right foot, the HSD can deliver even better figures than the official combined 74.3 or 70.6mpg, according to which size alloys you go for on the entry model as tested here.

The only fly in the ointment – and we've proved it with the Prius and rival Honda Insight – is that a hybrid's fuel consumption can be undone by extensive motorway work and

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humbled by an eco diesel with tall gearing such as VW's excellent Golf BlueMotion.

Used principally in an urban and rural environment, though, where its smaller size is a plus against the Prius, the Auris comes into its own, with the onboard computer regularly reading 70+mpg.

Using the EV (electric vehicle) mode you can also drive in complete silence for short (and slow) local journeys for a few minutes before the 1.8-litre petrol engine tells its electric counterpart: "OK, that's enough, you're running low on battery and it's time for some proper muscle".

And that engine can be noisy if you are called to dart out of a junction or bowl along a motorway at the highest speed.

Day-to-day use also can't disguise that the standard Auris boot is compromised slightly by the need to carry the hybrid electric battery array beneath its floor.

## First GEAR MOTORING NEWS



### VW on the Up! with city car

VOLKSWAGEN has released shots of the production version of its eye-catching Up! city car, tipped to go on sale by the end of the year. The big cabin/small footprint Up! will be sold in three versions: Take Up! will be the entry model, with Move Up! as the mainstream car and High Up! – not surprisingly – being the flagship.



### Fiat extends MyLife range

FIAT has launched a high-spec/high-value Bravo family hatchback. The Bravo MyLife, based on the Active trim level, comes with the excellent MultiJet 105bhp diesel as standard plus 16-inch alloys, Fiat's Blue&Me entertainment and communication system, leather steering wheel with audio controls, electronic stability control and air bags.



### Grille the new face of Lexus

LEXUS has unveiled its all-new GS model to tackle the BMW 5-Series and Mercedes-Benz E-Class sector. It will come with a new grille which the Toyota executive brand intends to become the new face of all its models. It is also claimed the GS range, arriving in early 2012, will have a more dynamic chassis and include hybrid and F-Sport performance models.

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# Vauxhalls to be unveiled at Frankfurt showcase

VAUXHALL will use this year's Frankfurt Show (September 15-25) to give the eagerly-awaited Astra GTC and Zafira Tourer their world debuts.

It will also show a production-ready Ampera, which the brand claims will be Europe's first electric vehicle suitable for everyday use.

But there will be strong indications too that the internal combustion engine is not dead yet, with the unveiling of seven new versions of existing Vauxhalls wearing the marque's ultra-green Ecoflex sub-brand.

But the rakish three-door version of the latest Astra will take the limelight; many spin-offs from five-door family



hatchbacks have tried to claim coupe status, but the GTC looks like the real deal – especially as Vauxhall has added a high-performance front-suspension arrangement and will offer it with nothing less than a respectable 120PS (118bhp) of engine power at launch.

It arrives in showrooms within the next few weeks, but would-be Zafira Tourer buyers have to wait until early next year for that car and its redesigned seven-seat Flex seating system, and to test Vauxhall's claims about its superior driving dynamics.

Arriving sooner will be those low-emission/low-road tax Ecoflex models: the Agila 1.0 petrol (109g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>), Meriva 1.3 CDTi (109g/km), road tax-exempt Astra 1.7 CDTi (99g/km), Insignia 1.4 Turbo petrol (134g/km) and Insignia 2.0 CDTi (115g/km). There will also be Ecoflex versions of the Astra GTC and Zafira Tourer.



**WORLD DEBUT:** Vauxhall Zafira Tourer and Astra GTC, left, will be revealed

## Beemer's dynamic xDrive models boost X3 range

BMW has added two new models to its X3 range.

Following the successful BMW X3 xDrive20d's arrival last year, the German executive marque has launched the higher-powered, higher-specification X3 xDrive30d and X3 xDrive35d.

Benefiting from an eight-speed automatic gearbox as standard, the 3.0-litre engine in the X3 xDrive30d produces 258bhp and will reach a

sports car rivalling 62mph in just 6.2 seconds yet produces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of just 159g/km and an official combined fuel consumption of 47.1mpg.

The new flagship BMW X3 xDrive35d is similarly powerful yet frugal: 313bhp, 0-62mph in 5.8 seconds, 162g/km of CO<sub>2</sub> and a combined fuel consumption of 46.3mpg.

The new X3s come with Dynamic

Stability Control that includes additional braking safety features, and brand watchers will note BMW's increasing emphasis on its all-wheel drive xDrive system, touted as a rival to Audi's familiar quattro format.

Whether xDrive can become as high-profile as quattro, only time will tell, but this second-generation X3 line-up is far superior to the original car.

Prices for the X3 range start at

£31,140, with the new xDrive30d available from £37,600 and the xDrive35d from £40,205

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2010(60)	FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles	£10,995
2010(60)	HYUNDAI i20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 400 miles	£9,995
2010(60)	TOYOTA IQ VVT-I IQ 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 900 miles	£9,495
2010(10)	KIA PICANTO STRIKE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles	£7,995

### CONVERTIBLES CABRIOLETS COUPES

2009(59)	BMW 3 SERIES 320i SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles	£19,995
2010(10)	PEUGEOT 207 CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles	£13,995
2009(59)	RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO, RUBY RED, 8000 miles	£11,995
2008(08)	RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles	£9,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 14000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, EMOTION RED, 7000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA VISIA CC MANUAL CONVERTIBLE, BLACK, 15000 miles	£7,995
2005(55)	PEUGEOT 206 CC ALLURE 5SPEED MANUAL COUPE, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 48000 miles	£4,995

### NEW FIESTA

2011(11)	FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, MIDNIGHT SKY GREY, 500 miles	£12,995
2010(60)	FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles	£11,995
2009(09)	FORD FIESTA ZETEC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles	£9,995
2009(58)	FORD FIESTA STYLE PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 3000 miles	£8,995
2006(56)	FORD FOCUS C-MAX GHIA MPV AUTO, STRATO SILVER, 21000 miles	£5,495

### FOCUS HATCH & SALOON

2010(10)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 4000 miles	£9,995
2009(09)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles	£9,995
2010(10)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£9,995
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles	£8,995
2008(58)	FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles	£8,495
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 16000 miles	£7,995
2005(54)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 29000 miles	£4,995
2006(55)	FORD FOCUS LX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, JEANS BLUE, 28000 miles	£4,995

### FOCUS ESTATES

2008(08)	FORD FOCUS TITANIUM ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£9,995
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC ESTATE AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 5000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS STYLE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 11000 miles	£7,995

### RENAULT SCENIC

2009(59)	RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles	£14,995
2008(08)	RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles	£7,495
2008(08)	RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, TEMPEST, 15000 miles	£6,995

### BMW

2009(59)	BMW 3 SERIES 320i SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles	£19,995
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### FUSION

2010(60)	FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles	£10,995
2010(10)	FORD FUSION ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1800 miles	£9,995
2009(09)	FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 miles	£7,495
2008(08)	FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 3000 miles	£6,995
2009(09)	FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, OCEAN BLUE, 20000 miles	£5,995

### RENAULT

2009(59)	RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO, RUBY RED, 8000 miles	£11,995
2010(59)	RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION VVT MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles	£11,995
2008(08)	RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles	£9,995
2008(08)	RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 MPV AUTO, GREEN, 15000 miles	£7,995
2008(08)	RENAULT CLIO EXPRESSION 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1500 miles	£6,995

### CITROEN

2008(58)	CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles	£7,995
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### CORSA

2006(06)	CITROEN XSARA PICASSO DESIRE 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles	£4,995
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### CHEVROLET

2009(09)	CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, POLY SILVER, 7000 miles	£6,995
2009(59)	CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ORANGE, 500 miles	£5,995
2009(59)	CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles	£5,995
2003(53)	CHEVROLET FIDJI 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 38000 miles	£3,695
2009(58)	CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles	£3,695

### HYUNDAI

2011(11)	HYUNDAI i20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 100 miles	£10,995
2010(10)	HYUNDAI i30 COMFORT CRDI 5DR TURBO HATCH AUTO, SILVER, 8000 miles	£10,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI COUPE SII COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles	£9,995
2008(58)	HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles	£6,995
2009(59)	HYUNDAI i10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles	£6,495
2008(08)	HYUNDAI i10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles	£5,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles	£5,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 7000 miles	£5,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 13000 miles	£5,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles	£5,495
2007(07)	HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEASIDE BLUE, 19000 miles	£5,495
2008(57)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 27000 miles	£4,995
2007(57)	HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, YELLOW, 14000 miles	£4,495
2006(56)	HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles	£4,295

### SUZUKI

2009(59)	SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles	£8,995
2007(57)	SUZUKI SX4 GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles	£7,495
2009(59)	SUZUKI ALTO SZ4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles	£6,995

### TOYOTA

2008(08)	TOYOTA AVENSIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 13000 miles	£12,995
2008(08)	TOYOTA AVENSIS T4 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles	£11,995
2008(08)	TOYOTA YARIS TR VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles	£10,995
2010(60)	TOYOTA IQ VVT-I IO 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 900 miles	£9,495
2010(60)	TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER STEEL, 15000 miles	£7,995
2010(10)	TOYOTA AYGO BLUE VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, CARIBBEAN BLUE, 6000 miles	£7,995
2008(08)	TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles	£7,495
2005(55)	TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VVT-I MPV AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 4000 miles	£6,995
2005(05)	TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 7000 miles	£6,995

### MITSUBISHI

2007(57)	MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 19000 miles	£6,995
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### HONDA

2008(57)	HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, WHISTLER SILVER, 12000 miles	£16,995
2007(07)	HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4	

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2010(10)	NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 7000 miles	£16,995	
2008(58)	NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles	£15,495	
2008(08)	NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FADED DENIM, 19000 miles	£14,995	
2008(08)	NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles	£12,995	
2010(60)	NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 3000 miles	£11,995	
2010(60)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, INFERNAL RED, 2000 miles	£11,995	
2008(08)	NISSAN QASHQAI VISION 5DR HATCH, CAYMAN BLUE, 14000 miles	£11,995	
2011(11)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, RED, 2000 miles	£11,995	
2011(60)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 3000 miles	£11,495	
2010(10)	NISSAN MICRA N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles	£9,995	
2010(59)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 5000 miles	£9,995	
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles	£8,995	
2009(59)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles	£8,995	
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 14000 miles	£8,995	
2009(09)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles	£8,495	
2009(58)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 7000 miles	£7,995	
2007(57)	NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 11000 miles	£6,995	
2007(57)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles	£6,995	
2008(57)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, EMOTION RED, 18000 miles	£6,995	
2005(55)	NISSAN PRIMERA SVE ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles	£6,995	
2006(56)	NISSAN NOTE SE MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles	£5,995	
2005(05)	NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles	£4,995	
2004(54)	NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles	£4,995	
2005(05)	NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles	£4,995	
2005(55)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 39000 miles	£4,995	
2005(54)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 9000 miles	£4,995	
2005(05)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles	£4,995	
2005(05)	NISSAN PRIMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 43000 miles	£4,995	
2006(06)	NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 miles	£4,995	
2005(54)	NISSAN MICRA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNO GREY, 12000 miles	£4,995	
2005(05)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, MERLOT RED, 18000 miles	£4,995	
2005(05)	NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles	£4,495	

## ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 5000 miles	£10,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, PANNACOTTA, 13000 miles	£8,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 9000 miles	£8,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 12000 miles	£8,995	
2009(59)	VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 3000 miles	£8,495	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£8,495	
2009(59)	VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 5000 miles	£8,495	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles	£6,995	
2005(05)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, STAR SILVER, 9000 miles	£5,995	
2005(05)	VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MTA MPV AUTO, STAR SILVER, 7000 miles	£4,995	
2007(07)	VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, METRO BLUE, 51000 miles	£4,695	
2005(55)	VAUXHALL MERIVA ENJOY 16V MTA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 31000 miles	£4,495	

## ASTRA HATCHBACKS

2008(58)	VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 15000 miles	£9,995	
2009(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£9,995	
2009(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNICAL GREY, 5000 miles	£9,495	
2010(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles	£8,995	
2009(09)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles	£8,995	
2009(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles	£8,995	
2008(58)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles	£8,495	
2007(57)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles	£6,495	
2007(57)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£5,995	
2008(57)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 16000 miles	£5,995	

## NEW MODEL ASTRA

2010(10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 900 miles	£14,995	
2010(10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles	£10,995	
2008(58)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 3000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, PANNACOTTA, 7000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles	£6,495	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 18000 miles	£5,995	
2006(56)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 19000 miles	£5,995	
2010(10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE ESTATE AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 3000 miles	£9,995	
2008(58)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 8000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 7000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles	£6,495	
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 18000 miles	£5,995	
2006(56)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 19000 miles	£5,995	

## PEUGEOT

2010(10)	PEUGEOT 207 CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles	£13,995	
2010(10)	PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles	£10,995	
2010(10)	PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ABYSS BLUE, 6000 miles	£9,995	
2010(59)	PEUGEOT 207 S 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, MONTEBELLO BLUE, 1000 miles	£9,495	
2009(09)	PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, NIMBUS GREY, 7000 miles	£8,995	
2008(08)	PEUGEOT 207 SE PREMIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles	£8,995	
2007(57)	PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 23000 miles	£7,495	
2007(57)	PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 miles	£6,995	
2009(09)	PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 5DR HATCH AUTO, ELECTRIC BLUE, 9000 miles	£6,995	
2008(08)	PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 2-TRONIC 3DR HATCH AUTO, CITRUS YELLOW, 14000 miles	£5,995	

## FIESTA

2008(08)	FORD FIESTA GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, AMETHYST, 5000 miles	£7,995	
2008(08)	FORD FIESTA STYLE CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 5000 miles	£6,995	

## MERCEDES

2008(58)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A170 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles	£13,995	
2009(09)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPING STONE, 13000 miles	£12,995	
2007(57)	MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 23000 miles	£12,995	
2008(08)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, COSMOS BLACK, 8000 miles	£11,995	
2006(56)	MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180 KOMPRESSOR SPORT EDITION COUPE AUTO, BLUEBLACK, 48000 miles	£10,995	
2008(08)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles	£10,495	
2007(57)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles	£9,995	
2003(53)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 ELEGANCE SWB 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 42000 miles	£4,995	

## VOLKSWAGEN

2008(08)	VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 105 DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£12,995	
2011(11)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1000 miles	£12,995	
2010(59)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, REFLEX SILVER, 3000 miles	£11,995	
2008(08)	VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles	£11,995	
2008(08)	VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE GRAPHITE, 18000 miles	£11,495	
2009(09)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, ANTHRACITE GREY, 5000 miles	£8,995	
2008(58)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles	£8,995	
2008(08)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, CORNFLOWER BLUE, 6000 miles	£7,995	
2005(05)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles	£5,995	

## DIESEL AUTOMATICS

2010(60)	VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles	£15,995	
2010(60)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles	£15,995	
2009(59)	RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles	£14,995	
2009(09)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles	£12,995	
2011(11)	PEUGEOT 308 HDI S 5DR TURBO HATCH AUTO, THORIUM GREY, 1000 miles	£12,995	
2008(08)	VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 105 DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£12,995	

## MORRIS'S MANUAL CARS

2009(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA SXI 1.4 16V 3DR, TECHNICAL GREY, 18000 miles	£8,495	
2007(57)	TOYOTA YARIS TR 5DR MANUAL HATCH, GREY, 14000 miles	£5,995	
2006(56)	VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles	£5,495	
2005(55)	PEUGEOT 206 CC ALLURE 5 SPEED MANUAL COUPE, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 48000 miles	£4,995	
2006(06)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV, METRO BLUE, 37000 miles	£4,995	
2002(52)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 49000 miles	£2,495	

## SKODA

2008(58)	SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles	£7,995	
2008(08)	SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles	£7,495	
2008(08)	SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles	£7,495	
2010(60)	NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 2000 miles	£22,495	
2011(11)	NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 200		

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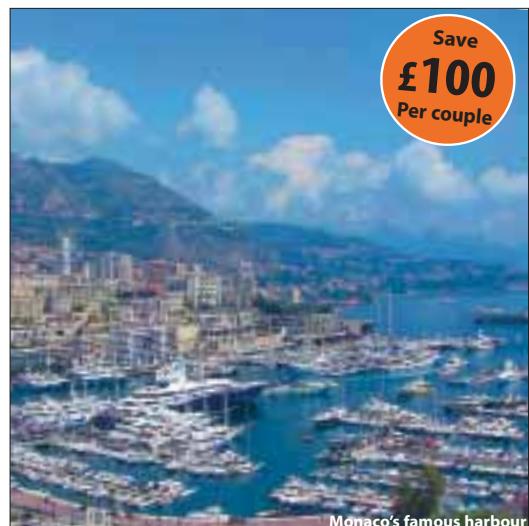
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RUGBY

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## No travel sickness as TJs win warm-up test

A LONG trip north did nothing to disrupt Tonbridge Juddians last weekend as they thrashed Scunthorpe in the first-team's final pre-season friendly.

The game was deliberately scheduled in preparation for the longer trips the newly-promoted side will face in National 3 London & South East this season. TJs passed the test with flying colours, romping to a 47-0 victory.

Peter Dankert, TJs' head coach, was pleased with the outcome against an established club in National 3 and felt the margin of victory could have been even more emphatic.

He said: "We probably left four or five tries on the pitch due to the offloading game we were trying to play."

"It was a very useful weekend, the journey time increases next season so we wanted to see how the players performed after a long journey."

The first-team squad will train this weekend in preparation for the opening game of the season on September 3. Several fringe players will get a run out for the second XV, who begin their league season against Barnes on Saturday.



RUGBY

## Strong finish sends Oaks through in cup

A SLEEPY spell after half-time almost cost Sevenoaks as they edged past a spirited Medway in the first round of the Kent Cup last weekend.

Both sets of players looked predictably rusty at times given the unusual timing in mid-August, but the Oaks did just enough on the day, winning 25-22 at Priestfields to set up a second round tie with Maidstone.

New head coach Danny Vaughan looked to be heading for a defeat in his first competitive outing as Medway came from behind to lead in the second-half, but tries from Alex and Johnny Barber won the game.

Vaughan said: "It did look as though Medway had done enough, they just didn't finish the job. If they had won we wouldn't have said we'd been robbed."

"We were certainly rusty, hopefully we'll improve on that. It was better than a pre-season friendly because there was something riding on it, which makes a difference."

With the league season not beginning until September 10, Sevenoaks will take a 25-man squad to Maidstone for a friendly on Saturday.

RUGBY

# Kent Cup tie an early season test for a youthful Wells side

By Steve Tervet

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RUGBY returns to St Mark's this weekend as Tunbridge Wells return to competitive action with a tough-looking Kent Cup tie against Beckenham.

The Wells, relegated from London 1 South last season, were beaten 85-5 when they travelled to Beckenham in March and although Saturday's cup game is likely to be less intense, the visitors still arrive as hot favourites to progress.

Both sides are expected to have several players away on holiday this time around, with the Wells focusing more on the long-term prospects for the season ahead than simply the outcome of the first-round clash.

Chairman Roger Clarke said: "It's all part of our pre-season build-up. We'll put out the strongest side we can, given the availability for a Bank Holiday [weekend], which will be the same for both sides."

"We'll take it as seriously as we can. It's a benchmark, a test of how we're doing. Beckenham have a very professional attitude these days, they've strengthened their side and it will be interesting to see how we get on."

Life in London 2 South East should prove more comfortable for the Wells than the rigours of last season, with Clarke keen for the first XV to stabilise before throwing themselves into a promotion charge.

Numbers at pre-season training have been encouraging, with between 60 and 65 players turning up to each session. Clarke expects a



Picture: BRUCE ELLIOTT

**CHALLENGE:** Tunbridge Wells begin pre-season with a Kent Cup tie against Beckenham on Saturday

winning side further down the rugby pyramid to yield larger crowds than one being beaten in a stronger league.

"Last time we went down, we bounced back in the first season," he said. "With the squad we have now, we think we're capable of making the top-six or top-four."

"I think people will be able to enjoy this season more. Our supporters will, because the more successful rugby you play, the more people you'll

get on the touchline. It doesn't matter how high a league you're playing in, if you're not being successful, you don't attract people to come and watch."

The Wells round off pre-season with a trip to local rivals Maidstone next weekend before they start the league season away to Lewes on September 10.

Saturday's kick-off against Beckenham is at 3pm.

ATHLETICS

## Balancing act in the offing for Tonbridge coaches to prevent in-form youngsters Farnham-Rose and Molloy from burn-out

THE track season may be nearing its conclusion but the top young distance runners at Tonbridge Athletic Club are preparing themselves for another period of high-quality competition.

Robbie Farnham-Rose, who has already competed at the World Youth Championships this season, returns to the track at the Commonwealth Youth Games on the Isle of Man next month, while in-form Sean Molloy races at the UK School Games in the first week of September.

Tonbridge distance coach Mark Hookway has been faced with something of a scheduling dilemma in his bid to prevent both athletes burning out, while keeping them at the top of their game.

"Robbie's in incredible form," he said. "He ran a new personal best in the 800-metres last week, 1:52.0, so he's looked really good. It's left me scratching my head a bit because he's got another two



**IN-FORM:** Tonbridge middle distance runner Sean Molloy (centre) is set to race at the UK School Games next month

weeks until his Commonwealth Youth Games race, but he can't just rest, so we're trying to look out for other races.

"We plan quite a way ahead and we talk to them about it, so they

working with us since they were very young."

For now, though, the immediate focus for all at Tonbridge is the club championships, to be held at Tonbridge School on August 29. Between 200 and 300 athletes are expected to feature, including a good number from neighbouring clubs Sevenoaks and Paddock Wood.

Hookway admits his elite performers are unlikely to be involved, but he will use the event as a useful scouting mission ahead of the winter's cross-country competitions.

He said: "It's quite good for me, because I've got a chance, especially before the winter season, to talk to some of the younger athletes who will make up the teams in the winter."

"Those who have yet to compete in leagues can try out different events without having so much pressure on them."

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## CRICKET

# Wells edge closer to Premier Division safety with Park win

**By Glenn Pearson**

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TUNBRIDGE Wells took a massive stride towards safety in the Kent Cricket League Premier Division with a six-wicket victory against Bickley Park last weekend.

Not for the first time this summer, the Wells batsmen chased down a decent total to hand their side victory and inflict a heavy blow to their relegation rivals in the process. Victory last Saturday was achieved thanks to half-centuries from Alexander Williams and Jamie Baldwin as Tunbridge Wells chased down 241 to win with three overs to spare.

The win lifted the Wells above Bickley Park to seventh in the Premier Division table ahead of this weekend's trip to Blackheath. Skipper Evert Bekker paid tribute to his side for keeping Park to 240 for 4 on a typically good batting track at the Nevill, but feels his side need to get something from this weekend's game to ensure safety for another season.

"We all knew it was a critical game and that a result would leave us in a much better position with two games to go."



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

**ALL SMILES:** Tunbridge Wells edged closer to safety with victory last weekend, but need a similar result on Saturday

he said. "It's never over until the last game has been played, but I think if we get a result at Blackheath we should be safe."

Bekker and his side will be even more keen to ensure they wrap up their Premier Division status on Saturday as they face the prospect of taking on local rivals Sevenoaks Vine on the last day of the season. With Vine's hopes of winning the

title seemingly remote after a three-wicket defeat to Hartley last Saturday, Sevenoaks would like nothing more than sending their rivals down.

Karl Pearson's side, now 31 points behind new leaders Hartley, take on second-placed Bromley on Saturday looking to claw back some points in the title race.

In Division One, Tenterden

climbed up to seventh with a 41-run win against Folkestone thanks to a half-century from skipper Andrew Crawford. Holmesdale edged closer to the drop in Division Two after a nine-wicket defeat against Dartford, while Linden Park look odds on to swap places with them as they lead Division Three following a 67-run win against Old Colfeians.

## MOTORSPORT

## Quaife-Hobbs racing for second on return to special Spa

A return to the challenging Spa Francorchamps circuit could provide the late season boost Adrian Quaife-Hobbs is looking for to climb the GP3 standings.

Just four races remain on the calendar and two are in Belgium this weekend on one of the 20-year-old's favourite tracks. He claimed the first podium of his GP3 career at the 4.3-mile undulating circuit in the Ardennes forest 12 months ago and heads back looking for more success.

A mixed season so far has left the Tonbridge racer seventh in the drivers' standings. While admitting catching series leader, Finland's Valtteri Bottas, is unlikely, Quaife-Hobbs believes making up the six-point gap to second place is a realistic target.

He said: "I think there have been a lot of ups and downs so far this year. Things were starting to look up, but we've had a bit of bad luck over the last three races.

"I think you could go back over everything, there are so many little things that did or didn't happen. You could easily turn it round and we'd be leading the championship."

"It's still possible to win the championship, we can't rule that out, but more realistically, second has got to be our target and we are six points off second in the championship."

"Something could happen to Bottas, who's leading, and suddenly we're on target to win, but the way things have gone, he seems to be going



**REALISTIC:** Adrian Quaife-Hobbs believes second place in the championship is still up for grabs

well.

"I had a very quick car in the middle of the season and he's got a very quick car at the end of the season."

As well as individual honours, a strong finish to the season for Quaife-Hobbs at Spa and the season-ending round at Monza, Italy next month would give him a chance of helping claim a place on the podium in the teams' championship.

Along with team-mates Rio Haryanto and Matias Lane, he has helped Marussia Manor Racing to fourth in the standings.

Again Bottas' success has made the prospect of launching a bid to catch Lotus ART for the overall title a long shot, second place is only 12 points away.

The first race is at 5.20pm on Saturday, while race two is at 9.20am on Sunday, before the Formula One Grand Prix.

## TOURING CARS



WITH TIM HARVEY

Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

### 'Money still talks in touring cars'

**“**I was sorry to hear this week about Tony Gilham being forced to pull out of the rest of the British Touring Car Championship because of a lack of sponsorship.

I sympathise with his position because I know Tony, who is from Dartford, goes from race to race looking for sponsors. It's very hard, 888 Racing are a good team and they're not going to be the cheapest option, but like every racer he wanted the best equipment.

It's a shame he couldn't see it through but I wouldn't put it past him to be back out in something fairly soon.

It's very difficult but unfortunately it's the nature of motorsport - the wheels don't turn unless the money is on the table. It's certainly not like kicking a ball around, you have to have the backing, but if you want to do it badly enough you find a way.

The problem is there's a lack of quality machinery for privateers to use. Obviously the gulf between the privateer in old equipment and the well funded teams is getting wider. The cost of parts and repairing damage doesn't get any cheaper either.

It is where Motorbase over the last few years have provided the model for privateer teams coming into the championship. They have served their apprenticeship in touring cars, starting off in old machinery.

They have been run very professionally, worked out a cost effective way to race and have raised a significant amount of team sponsorship, which has enabled them to bring in drivers of a better calibre and they're now a top team.

There's still another week or so before the championship resumes at Knockhill. The only person who has probably welcomed the break has been Matt Neal, who broke a bone in his hand last week.

The time off will have allowed him a chance to begin the healing process, but things like that happen and at the end of the day he's got to man up and deal with the pain.

I can remember driving with broken bones in my foot, you can drive with all sorts of injuries. You only have to look at what the motorbike racers go through and you realise you can cope with an awful lot.

I'd bet my house on Neal being perfectly able to drive next weekend. I'm sure he will find a way of dealing with it because he needs three good finishes to get himself back in the championship fight.

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GOAL: The Angels celebrate Frannie Collin's opener at Welling

**TONBRIDGE ANGELS**

# Angels taught valuable lesson as defence crumble under pressure

IF Tonbridge Angels' first four games of their debut season in Conference South are anything to go by, it's going to be an entertaining if somewhat nervy campaign for the club's supporters.

Following Saturday's 4-0 win against Eastleigh at Longmead, Tonbridge's second 4-0 win in the space of three games, the Angels were sent back down to earth with a demoralising 3-2 defeat at Welling United on Tuesday night.

Tommy Warrilow's side took a shock 2-0 lead, very much against the run of play, following two goals from leading marksman Frannie Collin. However, a Loick Pires header in stoppage time at the end of the first-half was a sign of what was to

come, as Welling piled on the pressure in the second-half with wave after wave of attacks.

Tonbridge's brittle defence, that on this showing do not look up to the standard expected in Conference South, were cruelly exposed far too often by a lightweight midfield that comprised the diminutive pairing of Anthony Storey and Lee Browning. How Warrilow must have been wishing for the quick return of man mountain Scott Kinch from injury.

The inevitable equaliser duly arrived shortly before the hour mark when Ben Andrews slipped whilst in possession on the edge of the area, allowing Andy Pugh to nip in and calmly side foot past Lee Wor-

gan in the Tonbridge goal.

It wasn't long before Welling got the winner they deserved, the only surprise was that it took them until the 75th-minute to do so as Tonbridge were once again exposed at a set-piece. A Loui Fazakerley corner from the right was headed into the bottom corner by Pires to complete the comeback. Warrilow threw on Jon Main as part of a three-man forward line, but the Angels failed to register a single shot on goal in the second-half.

Tonbridge: Lee Worgan, Sonny Miles, Ben Andrews, Ben Judge, Jon Heath (Jon Main, 80), Danny Walder (Chris Henry, 75), Anthony Storey, Lee Browning, Jake Beecroft, Ade Olorunda, Frannie Collin.

**TONBRIDGE ANGELS**

RETURN: Combative midfielder Scott Kinch could be back for the trip to Dover

## Kinch and Taylor due back to help bolster brittle midfield

CHANGES could be in order for Saturday's trip to Dover Athletic following Tonbridge's harrowing defeat at Welling in midweek.

The absence of a ball-winning midfielder at Park View Road was painfully obvious to see, as Anthony Storey and Lee Browning were outmuscled and outfought by Lee Clarke and Jack Parkinson in the Welling midfield.

Angels boss Tommy Warrilow is hoping tough tackler Scott Kinch will be available after overcoming an ankle injury and the former Cray man would certainly bolster a Tonbridge midfield that will be severely tested by Dover. Lewis Taylor is also close to a return and could be available for the back-to-back games against Dover on Saturday and Woking on Bank Holiday Monday and Warrilow said they are games the club and its players should be looking forward to.

He said: "They are all hard games, but I wouldn't swap this for the world. I'm gutted obviously after Tuesday night because we've worked hard to get here and I want us to be playing the likes of Dover and Woking. I want to win every

game at this level, but if we are going to lose then let's lose having a go as I felt on Tuesday we didn't really do that."

The Angels put in a limp display against their experienced Conference South hosts, despite taking a 2-0 lead early in the game. Welling roared back to win the game 3-2, which in fairness flattered Tonbridge, and Warrilow has told his side they need to heed the harsh lessons of life in what is traditionally a difficult division.

"I was embarrassed to go 2-0 up because they were the only two times we got in and around their box probably," he said. "I'm not going to go overboard after every loss because at the moment Saturdays seem to be fine and Tuesdays we are down in the dumps.

"We have Dover and Woking to come next and they are by no means going to be a stroll in the park. We have to learn from it. I said to the lads that we've got to grow up a little bit and take some responsibility because we can't do that every week."

"Saturday was good and then we've gone back again on Tuesday night, that's the frustrating part of it."

**TONBRIDGE ANGELS**

# Tonbridge hitman eyes winning return to Dover

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FRANNIE Collin insists he has nothing to prove when he returns to Dover Athletic for the first time since leaving Crabble just over a year ago.

The 24-year-old, who scored 49 goals in 97 appearances during a three-year spell at Dover, heads back to the club as joint top scorer in Conference South with Tonbridge Angels.

The ex-Gillingham forward, who has scored five goals in his last three games for the Angels, joins fellow team-mates Danny Walder and Lee Browning in returning to his former club on Saturday, and it's a game Collin is looking forward to it.

"I haven't been back, it will be my first time back at Dover," he said. "I didn't leave under bad circumstances or anything like that, I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and had a lot of success and it will be a chance to see a few old faces and I'm looking forward to it."

"I left at the end of the previous season and I just want to prove that I can get goals at this level. I don't think I've got anything to prove to anyone at Dover though, just to myself really."



**NOTHING TO PROVE:**  
Former Dover striker Frannie Collin returns to Crabble on Saturday, together with ex-Whites Danny Walder (bottom left) and Lee Browning (bottom right)

"I would like to think I would get a decent reception, it wasn't my decision to leave the club and I didn't fall out with anyone and I'd like to think I got on well with the fans while I was there."

Collin's form in front of goal has been one of the highlights of the early weeks of Tonbridge's debut season in

Conference South. The forward followed up his brace in the 4-0 win against Eastleigh last Saturday with another in Tuesday night's disappointing 3-2 reverse at Welling United, but Collin has seen enough from the Angels to feel confident enough to say the club can compete at that level.

"We have had two 4-0 wins and went 2-0 up at Welling, but we've proved we are more than good enough to attack teams, it's just that little bit of consistency," he said. "We need to get a little sequence of wins together or go unbeaten for a while and I think we'll more than hold our own."

Following the trip to Dover on Saturday, Tonbridge take on title favourites Woking at Longmead on Monday.

"We've really got to dig in now because we have some tough games which will shape whether we can have a good go at this league when we get out the other end of the first six or seven games," Collin added.



**FOOTBALL**

# Tunbridge Wells out to show Sevenoaks' new boys why derby day's so important

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A CHANCE to strike the first blow early in the season is up for grabs as Sevenoaks Town and Tunbridge Wells lock horns on Bank Holiday Monday.

The two Kent League sides have had very different starts to the new campaign, but as so often in local derbies form goes out the window. Tunbridge Wells manager Martin Larkin has crossed swords with three different bosses at Sevenoaks since taking over at Culverden in 2008, and with mixed success. He knows that while Town are finding their way under new man Darren Anslow, the home side will be made aware of the derby's importance and he expects it to be a good game.

"Everyone has their reasons for leaving. Simon Jones was a very nice guy and obviously he had work commitments that means he left, while Keith Levett has done well for himself by getting a move to the Ryman League," Larkin said.

"Darren has a fantastic background and we have had them watched, they are a talented bunch and hopefully it will be a bit more of a football game this season."

"It's a very important derby for us because in our squad 16 or 17 are local lads and understand the rivalry. It's another league game and we want to go out and get another three points, it would just be a bonus that it's against Sevenoaks."

For Tunbridge Wells, derby day spoils are not the only goods on offer this weekend. With a 100 per cent record heading into Saturday's trip to Beckenham, the Wells could be sitting top of the Kent League come 6pm on Monday.

Larkin has played down his side's title hopes, claiming it's too early in the season, but said he does expect his side to "score a hatful" when he is able to field his first-choice side.



**VITAL:** Carl Cornell (above) should be fit to play some part on Monday as Tunbridge Wells bid to avenge last season's defeat at Greatness Park



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Instrumental to that is forward Carl 'Hooly' Cornell, who could make an appearance at Greatness Park after suffering an ankle injury on the opening day of the season.

By contrast, the game will be a first west Kent derby for the majority of the Sevenoaks squad, including Anslow.

He said: "I think because we're new to it maybe it will not be until we get to the game for us to

fully appreciate what it means.

"We're trying to take it 45 minutes at a time at the moment and Monday won't be any different. We go into every game trying to win. Hopefully there will be a decent crowd in, they have had a decent start and will be pretty confident and I'm expecting a tough game."

Sevenoaks, who won the corresponding fixture 4-1 last season, began the campaign with

back-to-back league defeats against Holmesdale and Corinthian, but they emphatically bounced back with a 4-0 win against Ash United in the FA Cup last weekend.

A small squad precludes any notion of resting players for one of the two Bank Holiday games, so Anslow will be hoping his side come through Saturday's visit to Canterbury City without any injury worries.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

## Larkin expects interest for in-form striker Irvine

TUNBRIDGE Wells go into this weekend's Kent League game against Beckenham Town with their 100 per cent start to the season in tact following victory in the FA Cup last week.

Martin Larkin's side have won their opening two league games of the new campaign to sit joint top of the league and the Wells will now face Ryman Division One South side Walton & Hersham in the FA Cup preliminary round, following a 1-0 win against Warlingham last Saturday.

Andy Irvine's 13th-minute goal separated the sides as Tunbridge Wells recorded their third clean sheet in a row. Irvine has scored three goals in his three appearances since signing from Woodstock Sports in the summer, and Larkin believes he may have



**TARGET:** Andy Irvine has hit three goals in three games

a job on his hands in trying to keep the striker if he continues in this form.

"He has been a revelation since we signed him," the Wells boss said. "We were hoping he would add something to us with his height, but I don't think we estimated how good he is with the ball at his feet."

Kick-off is at 3pm on Saturday against Beckenham.

**KENT INVICTA LEAGUE**

## Rustics bounce back after heavy first defeat

RUSTHALL made a mixed start to their Kent Invicta League season with a defeat and a win from their opening two games.

Playing at the highest level in their 112-year history, the Rustics were brought down to earth as they were outclassed in a 5-0 thumping at Meridian on Saturday.

They fell behind early on, but goalkeeper Phil Hawkins kept them in the game with a penalty save. Rusthall went on to enjoy a good spell but conceded again in first-half stoppage time.

It became 3-0 on 71 minutes and shortly afterwards Rusthall's afternoon deteriorated, as Hawkins was forced off with a shoulder injury which is likely to see him miss several games.



**ONE-SIDED:** Rusthall were well beaten at Meridian

Meridian ruthlessly went on to add two more goals in the closing stages, with striker Wayon Anderson completing his hat-trick. However, they bounced back with a 2-0 win against Crockenhill on Tuesday night with goals from Joe Risby and Ollie Allman.

The Rustics visit 7 Acre & Sidcup this Saturday.

**SEVENOAKS TOWN**

## New-look strike force nets Town FA Cup win

A DREAM debut for Lloyd Boateng helped Sevenoaks Town cruise past Ash United in the FA Cup extra preliminary round last weekend.

The striker, who was playing in Conference South for Hampton & Richmond Borough last season, scored twice in the 4-0 win at Greatness Park.

Richmond Kissi also bagged a brace as Town put a poor start to the Kent League season behind them to set up a preliminary round tie at home to Redhill next month.

Manager Darren Anslow was delighted with the way his new front two clicked immediately and felt the performance surprised Ash.

He said: "Lloyd and Richmond did really well considering they only met a couple of hours before the game."

"We felt we needed a target man and Lloyd gives us that, which we didn't have in the first two games."

"We expected a team performance like that, but I don't think they did. Maybe they saw how we've done in the league and might have been banking the cheque already."

Before Sevenoaks have a chance to add to their £750 in prize money against Redhill they face two games in three days this weekend.

Before the derby with Tunbridge Wells on Monday they face a trip to Winch's Field for a meeting with newly-promoted Canterbury City on Saturday.

Anslow has no injury concerns for the game, as Sevenoaks look to get their first points of the season.

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